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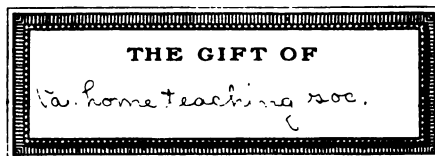
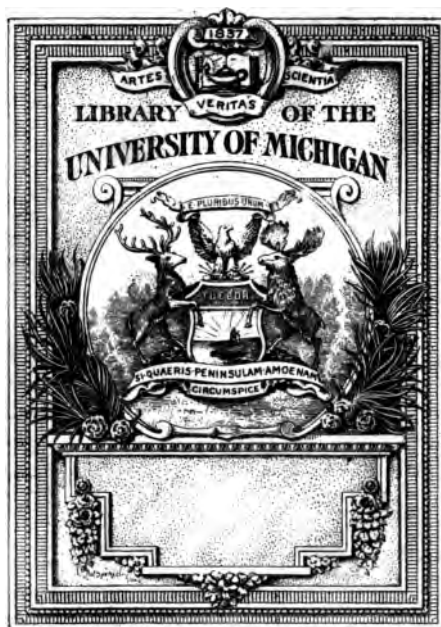
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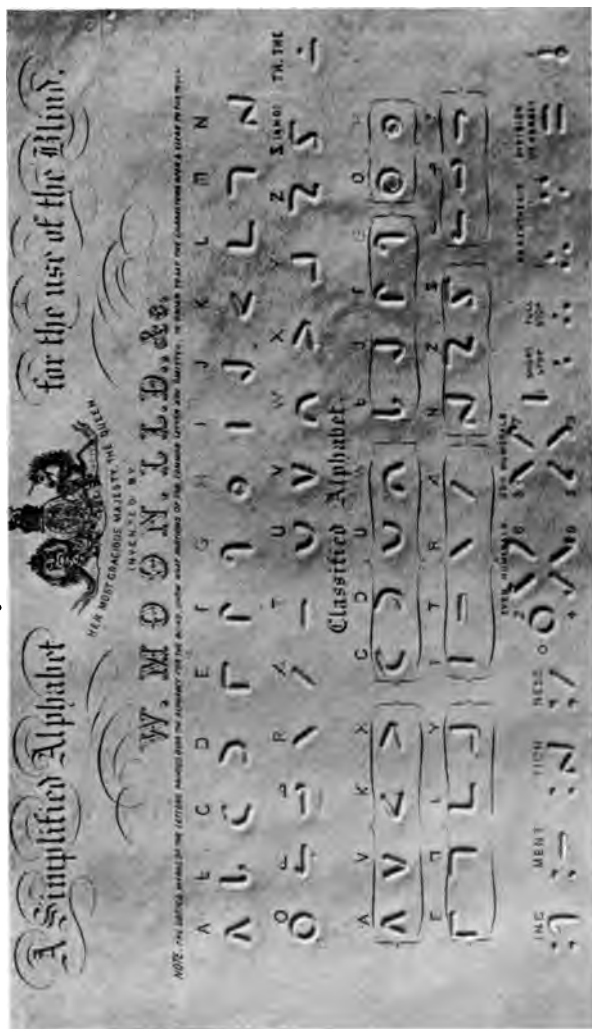
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# REPORT

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

PHILADELPHIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY  
AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY  
FOR THE BLIND,

HELD AT THE BIBLE HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA,

JANUARY 9, 1899,

HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN,

In the Chair.

FOR sixteen years this Society, which in 1882 was founded by several philanthropic ladies and gentlemen of Philadelphia, has been carrying on its beneficent work in an unostentatious manner, providing a library of embossed books in the Moon type, and sending teachers to the homes of the blind for the purpose of teaching them to read. In addition to this work in Philadelphia, it has been loaning hundreds of volumes to blind persons who live at distant points, far away from the city, and thus has brought light and comfort into many a benighted dwelling.

It is not sufficiently known, that, on an average, there is one blind person in every thousand of the population, and consequently, in a city of a hundred thousand inhabitants, there are probably a hundred persons who are deprived of sight. Philadelphia has perhaps 1300 blind persons scattered amongst its population. In most instances they are isolated in their homes, but nevertheless they need our sympathy and careful consideration. Many of them have become blind from nervous diseases, from accidents, or from causes which shatter the nervous system so much, that when they are learning to read, they should have as few obstacles as possible put in their way. The books adopted by this Society are in the easily acquired embossed type of the late Dr. William Moon, of England, who with his daughter, Miss Moon, visited Philadelphia in 1882 and advocated the adoption of Home Teaching for the adult blind. Dr. Moon's embossed books are especially adapted to those who have become blind since youth, or whose sense of touch has become blunted by laboring with the fingers. The ordinary institutions for the blind provide only for the education of blind children, who are free from disease, but the majority of the blind are over forty years of age, and are oftentimes too poor to purchase books; besides whom, there are many sickly blind children, who are ineligible for admission into the schools. This vast number, hidden away for the most part, must therefore be reached and cared for by the agency of Home Teaching, and the Free



DR. WILLIAM MOON.

Lending Library of embossed books. For sixteen years such a work has been successfully carried on in Philadelphia, under the superintendence of Mr. John P. Rhoads, the esteemed Treasurer of the Philadelphia Bible Society, who has given his valuable services gratuitously, and by the kind permission of the Board of Managers of that Society, the books have, for all these years, been kept without charge at the Bible House.

In order, however, that this work for the blind might be placed upon a more permanent basis, the Home Teaching Society for the Blind has recently been reorganized under the presidency of Judge William N. Ashman.

For the purpose of effecting this reorganization and bringing the work more prominently before the public, a meeting was held in May, 1898, at the Hotel Stratford, in Philadelphia. Upon that occasion Judge Ashman took the chair, and Miss Moon, of England, gave an address upon "The Blind and their Books," at the same time expressing the pleasure it afforded her to find that the Home Teaching of the Blind which she and her late father had introduced here in 1882, had been productive of so much good.

During the past sixteen years hundreds of the adult blind of Philadelphia have been sought out and taught in their own homes by the visitors employed, and the Board of Managers now earnestly appeals for contributions to enable it to extend the scope of its labors, to

purchase fresh embossed books for the Library, and to meet the salary of the Visiting Teachers, whose whole time should be devoted to visiting and teaching the blind, and periodically exchanging their books. Funds are also needed to carry on the work of forwarding embossed books in the Moon type to blind persons at a distance, desiring a loan of books. This is a branch of the work which has been very greatly blessed.

It is with much pleasure, and grateful appreciation, that the Managers of the "PHILADELPHIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND," announce that the Trustees of the "FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA" have most generously undertaken to co-operate with them, by kindly taking charge of the library of embossed books belonging to this Society for the blind, as well as consenting to superintend the loaning of the books to the blind upon the Society's roll of readers.

The Home Teaching Society's Library of Embossed Books has, therefore, been transferred to, and is now located in, the FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA, where they are kept in a room specially set apart for their reception. The room is also open to the blind as a Reading Room. Blind persons are welcome to the free use of the library. Those who live in Philadelphia or its vicinity will be taught, as heretofore, at their homes, without charge, by the visitors engaged by the Home Teaching Society for that special purpose.



Contributions to the funds of the Philadelphia Home Teaching Society and Library for the Blind will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read, 435 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Correspondence regarding the Society should be addressed to

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary*,  
Witherspoon Building,  
1319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS should henceforth be made to

MR JOHN THOMSON,  
*Librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia*,  
1219 Chestnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

The books selected will be mailed to any part of the United States, to be returned in a month or sooner, and exchanged for others. The postage is one cent for 2 ozs. Postage stamps, to cover this, should be sent by persons using the Library. In cases of inability of the borrower to pay postage or expressage both ways, the Home Teaching Society will pay the outgoing cost of transportation, excepting on large full bound books.

Friends of the blind are asked to send the Secretary of the Society the names and addresses of any blind persons they know of, and they will receive attention.



MISS MOON.

FROM the commencement of the work of this Society in 1882, it has received the hearty endorsement of General Eaton, who for sixteen years was United States Commissioner of Education, and recently has been appointed Commissioner of Education for Porto Rico.

In 1882 General Eaton thus wrote:—

“I approve of the above object in behalf of the blind, and hope the Committee in Philadelphia will accomplish the introduction of Dr. William Moon’s system of raised type into this country.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Eaton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed text of his title.

*“United States Commissioner of Education,*

*“Washington.”*



THE SOCIETY'S BLIND TEACHER GIVING ONE OF HIS PUPILS A LESSON  
IN THE MOON TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

## TESTIMONIES OF THE BLIND.

The following are a few of the many Testimonies which have been received from the Blind Readers upon the Roll of the Society :—

*“To the Phila. Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind :*

“Between fourteen and fifteen years ago I lost my eyesight ; the first thought that occurred to me was ‘I can never read again.’ Many of the works used by other institutions for the blind at that time were sent to me, but they totally failed ; but when the wonderful and beautiful invention of Dr. William Moon appeared and flooded the world with its light, my friends then insisted that I should learn it. A delightful teacher was procured (Mrs. Dr. Baker), under whose auspices I soon learned to read, and to-day I acknowledge with gratitude, that any part of the ‘Written Word’ I can read with pleasure, or any of the books in our excellent library (though small), which have been well selected and could not affect the most fastidious.

“I would not part with this knowledge for millions, it is indeed a priceless gem. Long may the Society remain under its new managers and support, to bless and cheer the world and to teach the untold number of blind which shall come after me. Yes, until it, like everything else, may be swallowed up in the vastness of Eternity. This is my fervent prayer.

“C. E. FREYE,

“3615 Chestnut Street, Phila.

“DEC. 16, 1898.”

*"To the Philadelphia Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind :*

"I am willing to testify to the benefits received from reading the Moon type, and since I have learned (over four years ago), through the kindness of my teacher (Mr. Moore), have been supplied with the Scriptures and other works, which have given me great comfort and pleasure. They have enabled me to pass many lonely hours, and I pray that the good work may continue and prosper and prove as great a blessing to others as it has been to me.

"Very gratefully,

"(Miss) R. McGRATH,

"3615 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

"DECEMBER 16th, 1898."

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"JOHN P. RHOADS, ESQ. :

"*Dear Sir* :—I have become very much interested in reading your books for the blind and with them pass many a lonely hour. I have read and re-read until I have committed to memory all in my possession.

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"My health is such that I am completely shut in the house, not able to get out at all.

"Respectfully yours,

"W. L. COLLINS,

"Hornellsville, Steuben County, New York.

"DECEMBER 10th, 1898."



"DR. ROBERT C. MOON,

"Secretary of the Home Teaching Society for the Blind.

"*My Dear Sir* :—I have been an almost constant reader of the Moon Type for the past fifteen years, for the privilege of which I am greatly indebted to Mr. Rhoads, through whose kindness I have been furnished with the books.

"This type is, in my opinion, the best for an adult blind person to learn, for the reason of its simplicity, causing no nervousness or discouragement.

"It has been an untold blessing to me, for which I am heartily thankful. When I think of Dr. Moon and his great work for the blind I am forcibly reminded of those words of Longfellow :

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing leave behind us  
Foot-prints on the sands of time."

"I could say much more were it necessary, could *hardly* say less.

"Very sincerely yours,

"WM. H. RICHARDSON,

"3717 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia."

Per A. R.



# Dr. Moon's Alphabet for the Blind.

*Note:—THE DOTTED MARKS OF THE LETTERS PRINTED OVER THE ALPHABET FOR THE BLIND, SHOW WHAT PORTIONS OF THE COMMON LETTER ARE OMITTED, IN ORDER TO LAY THE CHARACTERS OPEN AND CLEAR TO THE TOUCH.*

A   b   C   D   E   f   G

H   I   J   K   L   M   N

O   a   b   R   /   T   U

V   W   X   Y   Z   Σ

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G O D   I S   L O V E

*THE ABOVE ALPHABET CONSISTS OF EIGHT OF THE ROMAN LETTERS UNALTERED, FOURTEEN OTHERS WITH PARTS LEFT OUT, AND FIVE NEW AND VERY SIMPLE FORMS, WHICH MAY BE EASILY LEARNED BY THE AGED, AND PERSONS WHOSE FINGERS ARE HARDENED BY WORK.*

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104, QUEEN'S ROAD, BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.



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" 23,	Elliston P. Morris, . . . . .	10 00
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" 31,	Frank Read, . . . . .	25 00
" 31,	Mrs. Sarah Nicholson, . . . .	3 00
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" 9,	John F. Baird, . . . . .	25 00
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" 29,	C. C. Savage, . . . . .	50 00
Dec. 21,	Mrs. C. E. Frye, . . . . .	3 00
" 24,	Mr. Ireland, . . . . .	20 00
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" 13,	Contributed by Frank Read on acct. books purchased of Bible Society,	25 00
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Dec. 13,	Purchase price paid Penna. Bible Society for books, . . . . .	\$212 45
" 24,	Books purchased in England, . . . . .	453 70
Nov. 25,	Cash paid Secretary Dr. Moon for petty dis- bursements of which \$7.14 remains unused,	50 00
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Balance in treasury January 9, 1899 . .		119 78
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## BY-LAWS.

1. The title of this Society shall be, "Philadelphia Home Teaching Society, and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

2. The object of the Society shall be : (1) To provide a teacher or teachers to find out and visit the blind at their homes in Philadelphia and its vicinity. (2) To provide a free circulating library of embossed books in the Moon type for the blind, the volumes of which shall be exchanged by the teacher or teachers as often as necessary. (3) Volumes may be sent to blind readers at distant points, where there are no local libraries of such books.

3. The Management of the Society shall be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Managers (of not less than twelve), to be elected annually at a general meeting of the members of the Society, which Board of Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies for the unexpired term.

4. Members of the Society may be elected at any stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and upon the payment of \$2 or upward shall be qualified to vote for officers.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in January, to receive the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and Officers, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

6. The Board of Managers shall meet on the first Wednesday of every month (with the exception of June, July, August and September). Five members to constitute a quorum. Special Meetings may be called at the request of five members.

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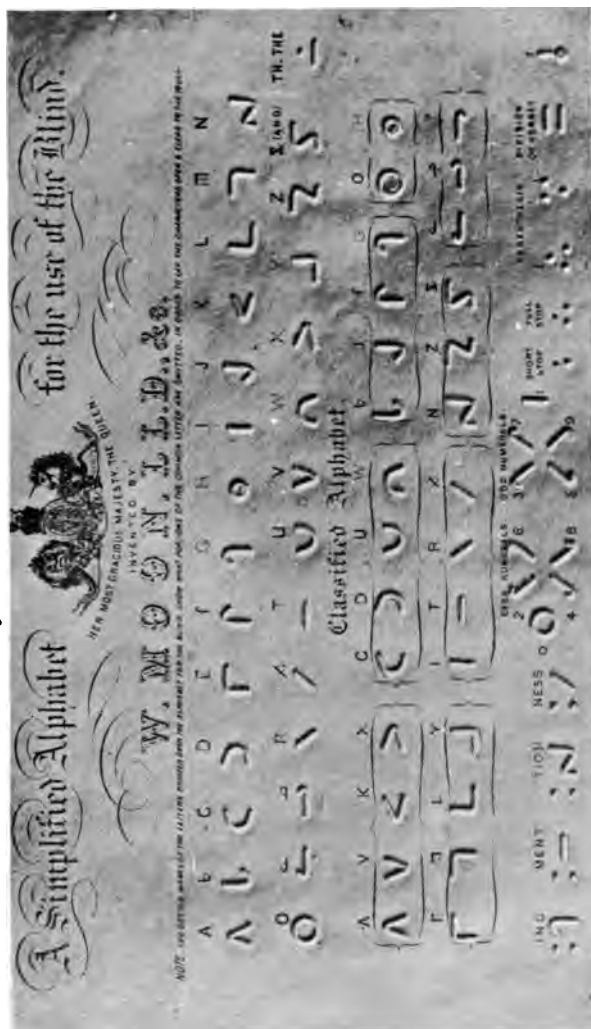
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JANUARY 3, 1900,

HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN,

In the Chair.

THIS Society, as its title indicates, seeks to reach the Blind, and teach them to read at their homes, by means of embossed type, and to furnish them periodically with an exchange of books from its library. These objects have been achieved in a remarkable degree during the past year, and, under the Divine blessing, light and consolation have been brought to many sightless sufferers within and beyond our own borders. The names and addresses of fifty new blind persons having been brought to the notice of the Society, its blind teacher, Mr. Moore, has called upon them and given them instruction in the raised type. In almost every instance he has been successful in

imparting to them the priceless boon of reading for themselves. Their ages have ranged from fifteen to eighty-five years, and amongst them are persons who are not only blind, but deaf and dumb. To teach the type to a person with such a threefold affliction seems, at first thought, almost impossible, but with tact and perseverance our teacher has succeeded in doing so in several cases. Since 1882 five blind, deaf and dumb persons in Philadelphia have acquired the power of reading the Moon type, and four of these are still alive. The fifth one died two years ago, and the reading was the only pleasure and comfort she had; before she learned to read, she seemed utterly restless and unsatisfied. Recently our teacher visited a house in which there was a deaf, dumb and blind woman, who had a deaf and dumb husband. With the assistance of the husband, the teacher managed to give her a lesson in reading, an effort which lasted fully an hour, and the whole of it was performed in silence. Few more pathetic scenes could be imagined than that of a blind man, assisted by a deaf and dumb man, giving a lesson in reading to a deaf, dumb and blind woman, whilst two other deaf and dumb persons were sitting by, gazing with amazement upon the strange proceedings! The teacher left with his new scholar the "Gospel of St. Mark," the "Holy Communion" and "Rab and His Friends," and when he re-visited the triply-afflicted woman, a fortnight afterwards, he found that she had read through all three books and was longing for more of the embossed type to read. A few months ago the teacher called upon an intelligent blind man, with the object of introducing the embossed type to his notice. When the subject of reading for himself was broached, Mr. R. manifested but little interest in it, but after much talking his wife and the teacher succeeded in



DR. WILLIAM MOON.

persuading him to make an attempt to learn. Within five minutes after he commenced, he became so interested that he would hardly wait to be shown anything by the teacher, but went on feeling out the alphabet and first lesson for himself. Before he lost his sight, several years ago, Mr. R. had been a stenographer, and upon learning the embossed letters he said that they much reminded him of the shorthand signs with which he had once been familiar. He learned the system readily, and was able at the teacher's second visit, with comparative ease, to read aloud four pages of St. John's Gospel. He was now thoroughly interested, and, as he necessarily spent much of his time alone, he realized what a great solace the reading would be to him ; besides which it was no small comfort to his wife that he could entertain himself, as previously he had been entirely dependent upon her for reading and diversion.

One of the readers—Mrs. B.—continues to find the reading of the Moon type a source of unfailing pleasure ; she says it has opened up a new life to her. Recently a kind person presented her with a portion of the Scriptures in the line (Roman) type, but, after repeated attempts to learn it, she failed to decipher a single word of it, and as the study of it gave her headaches she had to abandon the effort, and an endeavor will be made to exchange the book for one in the Moon type, which she can read with perfect ease.

A new era has dawned for the blind ; no longer do they need to sit "in darkness and in the shadow of death," without a solace or a ray of hope to cheer them in their isolation. The embossed type used by this Society—the Moon type—by means of which blind persons of the most advanced ages have learned to read, has stood the test for fifty years, and it is the desire of the Board

of Managers that, in the closing year of the nineteenth century, a knowledge of embossed reading shall spread amongst the adult blind throughout the length and breadth of the city of Philadelphia, and as far as practicable shall reach the most distant parts of Pennsylvania, and other States of the Union. The work of the Society is not confined to this city or this State, for during the past year, as in former years, many embossed volumes have been mailed to blind persons residing in distant towns and States, where there are no local libraries of such books.

When individuals become blind in maturer years, there is nothing they miss more than the ability to read for themselves. The longing of some blind persons to learn to read with their fingers amounts almost to a passion, and they have been known to resort to various devices for increasing their acuteness of touch. Mr. Rhoads, one of our Vice-Presidents, has in his possession a small pamphlet in the line (Roman) type, the pages of which are stained with blood. It once belonged to a blind lady who was so anxious to learn to read its complicated letters that she scraped the skin of her fingers so thin that the blood oozed from their tips, but she was not aware of the fact until one of the Colporteurs of the Bible Society told her the pages were streaked with blood. As she had not been able to decipher the letters of the book, he asked permission to take it away, promising to send her a new one in the Moon type in place of it. She soon found that if she had known earlier of the Moon type she would not have needed to scrape her fingers.

In the last Report the Board of Managers had the pleasure of announcing that the Society's Library had been transferred to the Free Library of Philadelphia. There the volumes are kept in a room specially set apart for their reception, and the Board can not



too strongly express its grateful appreciation of the valuable and highly efficient co-operation rendered by the Librarian and Officers of the Free Library, in the management of the Home Teaching Society's Library for the Blind. Many of the blind readers send to the Library for an exchange of books, but those who are unable to send to the Library have new books regularly supplied to them by the Society's teacher, who visits them at their homes.

During the year 1899, the "Free Library of Philadelphia" has issued 1674 embossed volumes, of which number 404 were distributed by the Society's teacher, who has made during the same period more than 2000 visits to the blind of Philadelphia and its vicinity. The Free Library has 2488 volumes in various embossed types on its shelves, and by the co-operation of the Home Teaching Society is achieving a wide-spread and important work.

As one of the most useful features of work among the blind is that they possess the Scriptures, after they have been taught to read the Moon type, the Philadelphia Bible Society employs our Missionary, Mr. Moore, for two days in each week, in addition to the service he renders to the Home Teaching Society, to give special attention to this part of the work, and he is authorized to supply, to such as can not purchase, portions of the Scriptures without charge, at the expense of the Bible Society.

At least 75 per cent. of the readers ask for some portion of the Holy Scriptures that they can read daily, and some will read nothing but the Scriptures, and they read the Bible straight through as they would any other book. As with sighted persons, however, the majority read alternately the religious and general literature, and, to meet the growing requirements of the blind readers, new books, as soon as they are published, are being added to the Library.



**MISS MOON.**

**Miss Moon is successor to her father, Dr. William Moon, in conducting his Work for the Blind, at Brighton, England.**

Although the funds of the Society have been inadequate to meet the full expense of such additions, the Treasurer of the Society has most kindly advanced a sum of money for that purpose, in order that the blind may enjoy the reading of the books. Of that indebtedness \$253.70 remains unpaid.

Contributions to the funds of the Philadelphia Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind are greatly needed, and will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read, 827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Correspondence connected with the Society should be addressed to

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary*,  
Witherspoon Building,  
1319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS should henceforth be made to

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*Librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia*,  
1217-1221 Chestnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

N. B.—Friends of the blind are asked to send to the Secretary of the Society the names and addresses of any blind persons of whom they know, and they will be promptly visited by the Society's teacher.



THE SOCIETY'S BLIND TEACHER GIVING ONE OF HIS PUPILS A LESSON  
IN THE MOON TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

## TESTIMONIES OF THE BLIND.

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The following are a few of the many Testimonies which have been received from the Blind Readers upon the Roll of the Society :—

*“ To the Bible House Corresponding Secretary, Philadelphia, Pa :*

“ In the last mail I sent or returned to you a volume containing the last ten chapters of John, prepared for the Blind, which I took from your circulating library some years since. I return it with shame, because I have kept it so long. I have been a wanderer to and fro, and more than that these chapters seemed so well suited to my needs that I have felt that I could not exchange them for any other portion of Scripture, and so have neglected from time to time to return them.

“ I do feel that Dr. Moon, of Brighton, England, has conferred an inestimable blessing upon the blind, and I trust he has been made aware of it. I have heard that he has gone to his eternal rest, and I am sure that his reward will be just what it ought to be from the unerring Father. I care not to read from the tips of my fingers any other books, for the Bible is the BOOK OF BOOKS. It is the admonisher, the comforter, the faithful and sure guide of the human race, and the inexhaustible storehouse of all true learning, and the consistent reader may find in it information in regard to every line of duty which pertains to this life and the life beyond.

“ Did we find between the lids of this wonderful book any encouragement for praying for the dead, I am sure that I should gladly pray for the repose of the soul of him who has done so much for the happiness of the blind, as Dr. Moon has done.

“ Yours truly,

“ MRS. J. E. HARRIS,

“ Hamilton, New York.

“ AUGUST, 1899.”

*"To the Philadelphia Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind:*

"It is with pleasure that I add my testimonial to the benefit that I have derived from the embossed reading. It has been a source of great pleasure to me. Before Mr. Moore called on me I had nothing to do but to do nothing, which is the hardest thing in the world to do. The pleasure I have had in reading the Bible I can not find words to express; many parts of the portions that were donated to me I have committed to memory, and I hope others may derive the same benefit that I have.

"Yours truly,

"F. BENJAMIN,

"3314 Mantua Avenue, West Philadelphia."

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"It is with great pleasure I add my testimonial to the Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind, and also to the Missionary to the Blind for the Philadelphia Bible Society, through whose kind efforts I have been taught and enabled to read Dr. Moon's Type for the Blind. Through these I have been enabled to pass many dark but happy moments in reading, and hope that they may continue to go on with the good work.

"Respectfully,

"MRS. MARY RAWLINSON,

"2847 Rosehill Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

"JUNE 12th, 1899."

[Dictated.]

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*"To the Philadelphia Home Teaching Society for the Blind:*

"Upon hearing of your Society I quickly availed myself of the privileges it offered, and through the kindness of Mr. Moore (my teacher) I have become acquainted with the Moon Type, and find it very easy and simple for the blind. As I continue reading I derive great comfort and while away many lonely hours.

"I feel very grateful for the benefits enjoyed, and pray that the good work of the Society may be blessed and continued, and reach many others who are thus afflicted.

"Yours very gratefully,

"MRS. H. E. BEATTIE,

"No. 929 N. Thirteenth Street, Philadelphia.

"MAY 7, 1899."

1899

## STATEMENT OF TREASURER

OF THE

### PHILADELPHIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

*RECEIVED.*

Balance in Treasury January 9, 1899, . . . . .		\$119 78
Annual Cash Contributions as follows:—		
Jan. 12,	Mrs. E. H. Thomas, . . . . .	\$5 00
" 12,	Mrs. Samuel Dickson, . . . . .	5 00
" 18,	Mrs. Wm. Richardson, . . . . .	5 00
" 20,	Mr. John P. Rhoads, . . . . .	5 00
Feb. 22,	Mr. Ferd. J. Dreer, . . . . .	25 00
May 5,	Mrs. Sarah Nicholson, . . . . .	5 00
" 5,	Dr. R. C. Moon, . . . . .	5 00
" 5,	Mrs. Dr. R. C. Moon, . . . . .	5 00
" 5,	Judge Ashman, . . . . .	5 00
" 15,	Mr. D. T. Pratt, . . . . .	25 00
" 16,	Rev. A. L. Elwyn, . . . . .	5 00
" 18,	Mr. Frank Read, . . . . .	25 00
" 18,	Mrs. Beulah M. Rhoads, . . . . .	25 00
" 18,	Mr. H. L. Hall, . . . . .	5 00
" 18,	Mr. John E. Baird, . . . . .	25 00
June 6,	Mrs. M. E. Austin, . . . . .	2 00
Nov. 23,	Mr. John P. Rhoads, . . . . .	5 00
Dec. 12,	Mr. Charles C. Savage, . . . . .	50 00
" 21,	Mrs. E. E. Fry, . . . . .	2 00
		<hr/> \$234 00
Jan. 20,	Donation of Mr. D. T. Pratt, acct. of books, . .	25 00
Feb. 25,	Free Library, contribution acct., cost of books purchased of Miss Moon, . . . . .	219 15
May 23,	Donation of Mr. John E. Baird, acct. indebted- ness of Society to Mr. Frank Read, . . . . .	50 00
Oct. 9,	Free Library, from sale of books and writing paper, .	12 99
		<hr/> 541 14

*DISBURSED.*

		<hr/> \$660 92
Jan. 20,	Paid Mr. John Thomson for Petty Cash for ex- pense of sending books out of city, . . . . .	\$50 00
" 20,	Cash paid Dr. R. C. Moon for teacher's salary, expenses, stationery, etc., of which \$13.43 remains unused, itemized statement of which is attached, . . . . .	225 00
Oct. 16,	Ketterlinus Litho. Mfg. Co., for printing report, .	31 00
Dec. 6,	Paid to Mr. Frank Read, on acct. of debt of Society to him of \$453.70, . . . . .	200 00
		<hr/> \$506 00
Balance in bank and on hand Jan. 3, 1900, .		154 92
		<hr/> \$660 92

PHILADELPHIA, January 3, 1900.

FRANK READ, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY  
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FOR THE BLIND.

PETTY CASH ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY

FROM

JANUARY 9, 1899, TO JANUARY 3, 1900.

1899.

Jan. 9, By Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, . \$7 41	To Postages, . . . . . \$10 30
" 27, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . 25 00	To Typewriting and Mim'g., 2 30
Mar. 2, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . 50 00	Mr. Moore's salary as Vis- iting Teacher and his Travelling expenses, 194 76
May 4, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . 50 00	To Stationery, . . . . . 3 55
July 29, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . 50 00	To Printing, . . . . . 2 50
Oct. 28, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . 50 00	To Photograph and En- graving for Report, 5 57
	To Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, Jan. 3, 1900, . 13 43
<u>\$232 41</u>	<u>\$232 41</u>



## BY-LAWS.

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1. The title of this Society shall be "Philadelphia Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

2. The objects of the Society shall be: (1) To provide a teacher or teachers to find out and visit the blind at their homes in Philadelphia and its vicinity. (2) To provide a free circulating library of embossed books in the Moon type for the blind, the volumes of which shall be exchanged by the teacher or teachers as often as necessary. (3) Volumes may be sent to blind readers at distant points, where there are no local libraries of such books.

3. The Management of the Society shall be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Managers (of not less than twelve), to be elected annually at a general meeting of the members of the Society, which Board of Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies for the unexpired term.

4. Members of the Society may be elected at any stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and upon the payment of \$2 or upward shall be qualified to vote for officers.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in January, to receive the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and Officers, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

6. The Board of Managers shall meet on the first Wednesday of every month (with the exception of June, July, August and September). Five members to constitute a quorum. Special Meetings may be called at the request of five members.

PHILADELPHIA HOME  
TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING  
LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

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ESTABLISHED 1882.      -      -      REORGANIZED 1898.

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*President*—HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN.

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JOHN E. BAIRD, ESQ.

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827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

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THIS Society was founded in 1882, with the object of providing a library of embossed books in the Moon type, and sending teachers to the homes of the blind for the purpose of teaching them to read, and periodically exchanging their books. For sixteen years the work was most successfully carried on in Philadelphia, under the superintendence of Mr. John P. Rhoads, the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Bible Society ; but in order to place it upon a more permanent basis, the Society was re-organized in 1898, and it is with much pleasure that the Managers of the "Philadelphia Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating

Library for the Blind" announce, that the Trustees of the "Free Library of Philadelphia" have undertaken to co-operate with them, by taking charge of the library of embossed books belonging to this Society for the blind, as well as consenting to superintend the loaning of the books to the blind upon the Society's roll of readers, all expenses connected with the Home Teaching part of the work being borne by the Home Teaching Society.

The Library of Embossed Works has been transferred to the Free Library, 1217-1221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, where the books are kept in a room especially set apart for the purposes of this work. The room is also open to the blind as a Reading Room, and blind persons are welcome to the free use of the library. Those who live in Philadelphia or its vicinity will be taught, as heretofore, at their homes, without charge, by the visitors engaged by the Home Teaching Society for that special purpose.

More than half the blind are over forty years of age, and many of them have lost their eye-sight from exhausting diseases, from accidents, or from causes which shatter the nervous system; so that, when they are learning to read, they should have as few obstacles as possible put in their way. For this reason the books adopted by this Society are in the easily acquired embossed type of the late Dr. William Moon, of England, who with his daughter Miss Moon visited Philadelphia in 1882, and advocated the adoption of the Home Teaching System for the adult blind. Dr. Moon being himself blind, knew well the requirements of his fellow-sufferers, and his embossed books are especially adapted to the needs of those who have become blind since youth, or whose sense of touch has become blunted by laboring with the fingers.

In addition to its work in Philadelphia, this Society has

loaned hundreds of volumes to blind persons who live at distant points, far away from the city, and has thus brought light and comfort into many a benighted dwelling.

Contributions to the funds of the "Philadelphia Home Teaching Society and Library for the Blind" will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read, 827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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An embossed alphabet and a first lesson sheet will be forwarded upon application.

Books selected from the accompanying catalogue will be mailed to any part of the United States, to be returned in a month or sooner, and exchanged for others. The postage is one cent for two ounces. Postage stamps to cover this should be sent by persons using the Library. In cases of inability of the borrower to pay postage or expressage both ways, the Home Teaching Society will pay the outgoing cost of transportation, excepting on large volumes.

Friends of the blind are asked to send to the Secretary of the Society the names and addresses of any blind persons of whom they know, and they will be promptly visited by one of the teachers.

## List of Books in Moon's Type for the Blind.

### BIBLE.

	Hf.-Bd.		Hf.-Bd.
Genesis, 2 vols., . . . . .	\$2.25	Jeremiah 3 vols., . . . . .	\$3.15
Exodus, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.27	Ezekiel, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.95
Leviticus, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87	Daniel, . . . . .	1.00
Numbers, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.35	Hosea to Obadiah, . . . . .	.85
Deuteronomy, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.05	Jonah to Malachi, . . . . .	1.10
Joshua, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Matthew, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.70
Judges, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Mark, . . . . .	1.07
1 Samuel, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.90	Luke, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87
2 Samuel, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.67	John, . . . . .	1.00
1 Kings, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87	Acts, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.65
2 Kings, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.82	Romans, . . . . .	.70
1 Chronicles, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.72	1 and 2 Corinthians, . . . . .	1.00
2 Chronicles, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.00	Galatians to Philemon, . . . . .	1.15
Ezra to Esther, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.90	Hebrews to Jude, . . . . .	1.10
Job, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Revelation, . . . . .	.90
Psalms, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.85	Old Testament. Complete in 47	
Proverbs, . . . . .	1.20	vols., . . . . .	45.40
Ruth to Lamentations . . . . .	.92	New Testament. Complete in 13	
Isaiah, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.87	vols., . . . . .	12.27

### Chapters and Psalms.

1 Kings, chap. 18, . . . . .	\$0.16	John, chap. 6, . . . . .	\$0.17
2 Kings, chap. 4, . . . . .	.16	John, chap. 7, . . . . .	.12
2 Kings, chap. 5, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 8, . . . . .	.16
Psalms 20, 25, 90, 116 and 121, . . . . .	.16	John, chap. 9, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 32, 51, 130 and 143, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 10, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 34, 86 and 96, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 11, . . . . .	.15
Psalms 40, 42 and 84, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 12, . . . . .	.12
Psalms 91, 139 and 147, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 13, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 119, . . . . .	.26	John, chap. 14, . . . . .	.12
Proverbs, chap. 8, . . . . .	.10	John, chap. 15, . . . . .	.11
Isaiah, chaps. 35 and 49, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 16, . . . . .	.12
Isaiah, chap. 40, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 17, . . . . .	.11
Isaiah 53, Psalms 23 and 125, . . . . .	.10	John, chap. 18, . . . . .	.12
Isaiah 55, Psalms 27 and 103, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 19, . . . . .	.12
Sermon on the Mount, . . . . .	.25	John, chap. 20, . . . . .	.11
Mark, ch. 11 and 12 (smaller type), . . . . .	.15	John, chap. 21, . . . . .	.10
Luke, chap. 1, . . . . .	.17	Acts, chaps. 1 and 2, . . . . .	.18
Luke, chap. 2, . . . . .	.13	Acts, chap. 9, . . . . .	.12
Luke, chap. 11, . . . . .	.17	Romans, chaps. 5 and 6, . . . . .	.12
Luke 15 and Ephesians, chap. 2, . . . . .	.16	Romans, chap. 8, . . . . .	.12
Luke, chap. 18, . . . . .	.12	1 Corinthians, chap. 15, . . . . .	.16
John, chap. 1, . . . . .	.17	2 Corinthians, chaps. 5 and 6, . . . . .	.12
John, chap. 2, . . . . .	.10	Hebrews, chaps. 11 and 12, . . . . .	.18
John, chap. 3, . . . . .	.12	1 Peter, chaps. 1 and 2, . . . . .	.15
John, chap. 4, . . . . .	.12	Revelation, chaps. 1 to 5 (smaller	
John, chap. 5, . . . . .	.12	type), . . . . .	.18

LIST OF BOOKS IN MOON'S TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

BEGINNERS' WORKS.

Alphabet and Lord's Prayer, . . . \$0.04	The following are for the Aged and
Spelling Lessons, 1 and 2, . . . .02	such as have very hard hands :—
Reading Cards, Nos. 1-8. Nos. 1, 2,	Alphabet, . . . . \$0.02
and 3 are in extra large or giant	Cards with texts. Nos. 1-3, each, . .02
type, each, . . . . .02	Psalms 103, . . . . .17
Golden Casket, Nos. 1 and 2, or	Psalms 51, . . . . .17
packets of cards with texts, . . .15	Psalms 25 and 115, . . . . .17
John, chaps. 1, 3, 14, 15, 16 and 17.	Psalms 34 and 86, . . . . .17
Wide lines, . . . . .	The Crucifixion. Matt. 27, . . . .37
Life of Christ in Scripture words.	The Resurrection and Ascension.
Wide lines; 3 vols., . St'd, \$1.35, 2.00	Matt. 28, . . . . .30
First Lesson Book, . . . . .11	Romans, chap. 8, . . . . .20
He Died For Me, . . . . .17	Hymns: "Sun of my Soul," etc., .12
	"I've Found a Friend," . . . . .10

BIOGRAPHY.

Albert, Prince Consort of England,	Lowther, Sir C. H., Bart. With
Early years of H. R. H., the late, \$1.05	Illustrations, . . . . . \$0.90
Arkwright, Sir Richard, . . . . .17	Luther, Martin, 3 vols., each, . . .1.05
Bacon, Nicholas, . . . . .10	Maudslay, Henry, . . . . .72
Bloomfield, Robert, . . . . .23	Metcalf, J., . . . . . St'd, \$0.40, .60
Bramah, Joseph, . . . . . St'd, \$0.37, .57	Minton, Herbert, . . . . .10
Brown, John, . . . . . St'd, .23, .41	Moon, Dr. William. Labors for the
Bunyan, John, . . . . .67	Blind, . . . . .1.05
Carey, William, . . . . .20	Morehead, Rev. R., D. D. With
Caxton, William, . . . . .16	Illustration, . . . . .65
Clarke, Adam, . . . . .17	Murray, Alexander, . . . . .18
Columbus, Christopher, 3 vols., . .2.10	Nansen, Fridjof, 2 vols., each, . .1.35
Cook, Captain, 2 vols. St'd, \$0.70, 1.05	Nelson, Horatio, Viscount, . . .67
Cooter, Eliza, . . . . .27	Newton, Sir Isaac, . . . . .20
Cranmer, Thomas, Last Days of, . .13	Our Gracious Queen, . . . . .75
Davis, John, . . . . .30	Paton, Rev. J. G., D. D., 5 vols., each, 1.35
Davy, Sir Humphrey, . . . . .27	Peel Family, . . . . . St'd, \$0.23, .41
Eade, William, . . . . .23	Peter the Great, . . . . .72
Ferguson, James, . . . . .25	Pollard, Harriet, . . . . .17
Franklin, Benj., 2 vols., St'd, \$0.80, 1.20	Polycarp, St., Last Days of, . . .13
Garfield, James Abram, 20th Presi-	Prince and the Prayer. St'd, \$0.37, .57
dent of U. S., 2 vols., each, . . .1.10	Queen's Journal :—
Garibaldi, 3 vols., each, . . .1.12	First Visit to Scotland, . . . . .77
Gilbert, Miss, 2 vols., each, . . .95	Life in the Highlands, 2 vols., .2.00
Gladstone, William Ewart, 2 vols.,	Visit to Blair Athole, and West
each, . . . . .1.35	Tour, . . . . .80
Gordon, Charles George, Memoir	Sharples, James, . . . . .25
of General, . . . . .55	Spurgeon, Rev. C. H., 2 vols., each, 1.35
Grey, Lady Jane, . . . . . St'd, \$0.37, .57	Stephenson, George, . . . . .27
Guthrie, Rev. T., D. D., . . . . .60	Stephenson, Robert, . . . . .15
Gypson, Mrs., Last Hours of, from	Victoria Alexandrina, Queen of
a Diary, . . . . .60	England, Life and Reign of, . . .1.05
Hall, John Vine, . . . . .30	Washington, George, 1st President
Havelock, General Sir H., . . . .1.12	of U. S., . . . . . St'd, \$0.35, .53
Havergal, Miss Frances R., . . . .80	Watt, James, . . . . .30
Herschel, Sir William, . . . . .22	Wedgwood, Josiah, . . . . .17
Jenner, Edward, . . . . .11	Wedlock, William, . . . . .22
Lincoln, Abraham, 16th President	Wesley, John, 2 vols., each, . . .1.35
of U. S., 2 vols., . . . . .1.95	Whitefield, George, 4 vols., each, .75
Livingstone, David, 5 vols., each, .67	Zisca, . . . . . St'd, \$0.35, .50

LIST OF BOOKS IN MOON'S TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

EDUCATIONAL.

Euclid (complete), 2 vols., each, . . . \$0.72	Nelson's Primer, . . . St'd, \$0.22, \$0.37
First Illustrated Reader, 2 vols., each, . . . St'd, \$0.27, .45	Nelson's Royal Reader, No. 1; 2 vols., each, . . . St'd, \$0.27, .45
First Spelling Book, . . St'd, 30, .47	Nelson's Royal Reader, No. 2; 4 vols., each, . . . St'd, \$0.40, .62
Infant Reader, Grades 1 and 2, . . 22.37	Nelson's Royal Reader, No. 3; 3 vols., each, . . . . . 1.05
" " Grade 3, . . . . . 25.40	Nelson's Royal Reader, No. 4; 6 vols.: Vol. 1-5, each, . . . . . 1.05
Moon. Astronomy, . . . . . 1.05	Vol. 6, . . . . . .60
Moon. Biblical Dictionary, 12 vols., each, . . . . . 1.05	Nelson's Royal Reader, No. 5; 8 vols., each, . . . . . 1.05
Moon. Dictionary of the English Language, 10 vols.: Vol. 1-9, each, . . . . . 1.05	Public School Primer, . . . . . .22
Vol. 10, . . . . . 1.20	Reading Books, 1 and 2, each, . . . .16
Moon. English Grammar, . . . . . 1.05	Shakespeare. Merchant of Venice, 1.15
Moon. Geography, 2 vols., each, . . 1.05	Shakespeare. The Tempest, . . . 1.05
Moon. Natural History, 8 vols., each, . . . . . 1.05	
Moon. School Dictionary (arranged to serve as a spelling book, with meanings), 3 vols., each, . . . . 1.05	

HISTORY AND TRAVEL.

Daybreak in Britain, . . . . . \$1.35	Moon. Ancient History, 5 vols.: Vol. 1. Egypt, . . . . . \$1.05
Dodds. Fifty Years' Struggle of the Scottish Covenanters, 6 vols., each, . . . . . 1.10	Vol. 2. Assyria and Babylonia, .80
Drummond. Tropical Africa, 2 vols., each, . . . . . 1.05	Vol. 3. The Persian Empire, .90
Fiske. History of the United States, 6 vols., each, . . . . . 1.35	Vol. 4. The East under Greek and Roman Rule, . . . . . .82
Fitchett. Deeds that Won the Em- pire, 5 vols., each, . . . . . 1.35	Vol. 5. The African Nations, .70
Mackenzie. History of Scotland, 7 vols.: Vol. 1-6, each, . . . . . 1.05	Moon. Early Discovery of America, by Norsemen, . . . . . .16
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A    b    C    D    E    f    G

H    I    J    K    L    M    N

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READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE

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FOR THE BLIND,

HELD AT THE BIBLE HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA,

JANUARY 2, 1901,

JOHN E. BAIRD, Esq.,  
in the Chair.

IN taking a retrospect of the work of this Society during the past year, the Managers find abundant cause for congratulating its supporters upon the ever increasing amount of good, which, with the Divine blessing, it is effecting amongst the blind, who are generally poor and unable to provide reading matter or any other kind of entertainment for themselves.

Week after week new names of blind persons desirous of learning to read have been received from different parts of this and adjoining States, and especially from the City of Philadelphia. During the year 1900, Mr. Moore, the teacher of the Society, has responded to these requests, by visiting fifty-two new blind persons at their homes and instructing them in the Moon type with almost invariable success. The ages of the scholars ranged from six to eighty-one years.

In addition to new work, the teacher has periodically visited



his earlier pupils at their homes, and has exchanged books for those who are unable to send or apply personally at the Free Library for a fresh supply. The teacher has made 2105 such visits and exchanges during 1900, and they are highly appreciated by the blind who have but few pleasures to relieve the monotony of their lives. Besides those who are supplied with books by the teacher, there are 203 other blind persons on the list of borrowers of embossed books from the Department for the Blind in the Free Library of Philadelphia. During the year 1900 the Free Library of Philadelphia has issued 2326 embossed volumes, of which number 663 were distributed by this Society's teacher. These figures represent an increase of fifty per cent. over the number distributed in 1899.

The work of the Home Teaching Society is not confined to the City of Philadelphia and its environs, and therefore it confidently appeals for more than local support, as a large number of the books in its Library are, at the sole expense of this Society, loaned to blind readers throughout the State of Pennsylvania, and are sent by mail or express to blind persons at many distant points of the United States from Maine to Mexico, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

At the beginning of the year 1900, as stated in the last report, the Society owed its Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read, the sum of \$253.70, that being part of a larger sum which, upon the reorganization of the Society, he advanced for the purchase of embossed books which were much needed to make additions to the Library, and to replace old and worn out volumes. It is with a sense of grateful appreciation that the Managers now announce, that Mr. Read has recently most generously contributed the said sum of \$253.70 to the funds of the Society in order that it may be enabled to pursue its mission free from the burden of debt.

At the suggestion and at the expense of one of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. D. T. Pratt, a circular setting forth the objects



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company of her deaf husband and two other deaf persons. A correspondent who is especially interested in blind, deaf mutes mentions that this circumstance "is singularly like Miss Mills taking a blind boy in Pottstown to the Stetler House to teach the deaf, blind daughter Mary to read the Moon type, with her deaf brother and two deaf sisters looking on." This young woman is now availing herself of the Home Teaching Society's Library for an exchange of books.

We take this opportunity of answering some inquiries which have been made regarding the four other blind, deaf and dumb persons who have learned to read the Moon type through the instrumentality of this Society. The first was a Miss B., residing on Ogden St., Philadelphia. For years she had been deaf and dumb, but from over-study she lost her eye-sight, about the time this Society was founded in 1882. Her niece, having heard of the embossed type in 1884, paid a visit to Mr. Rhoads at the Bible House, and procured from him a specimen of the Moon type, which she joyfully presented to her blind, deaf and dumb aunt, but to her astonishment the aunt positively refused to have anything to do with it. The niece, however, was not discouraged, but left the sheet in a spot where her aunt's fingers were likely to touch it, and later on it happened that her fingers fell upon it, and she was delighted to feel by her touch a letter that she recognized. She continued to decipher one letter after another, until, with a little help, she learned the entire alphabet and became an expert reader. She immediately afterwards asked for embossed books, and purchased a large number which she arranged around her room. With a great deal of pride she drew the attention of her friends to her library of books, which she continued to read with pleasure and comfort until her death a few years since.

The next case was that of Miss Anna R., who, as a deaf-mute, was educated in an institution for the deaf and dumb, but in after years she lost her eye sight and lived with her sisters. She, however, became so irritable and such a trial to them that, to use



**MISS MOON.**

**Miss Moon is successor to her father, Dr. William Moon, in conducting his Work for the Blind, at Brighton, England.**

their expressions, they were "nearly driven mad," and feared it might be necessary to send her to an "asylum." At length they heard of the embossed type and consulted Mr. Rhoads upon the matter of teaching their sister to read. Mr. Rhoads supplied them with the necessary papers and she became one of the best of readers. A complete change came over her disposition and behaviour, and when she was afterward received into St. Luke's Episcopal Home, 1307 Pine Street, she was spoken of as "one of the most patient sufferers ever known"; all her morbid characteristics had disappeared, and this happy change was attributed solely to her regained ability to read for herself. The embossed books were regularly exchanged for her by the teacher until her decease two years ago.

Two other instances of deaf, dumb and blind persons who have learned the type through the efforts of this Society are Joseph S., and Edward D., who are both self-supporting middle-aged men engaged in the Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men. They have been readers for several years, and go to the Free Library whenever they wish to exchange their books.

From the Census returns, which have already appeared, we can approximately estimate the blind population of the United States at 75,000; of which number, 6300 are to be found in the State of Pennsylvania. In Philadelphia there are about 1300 blind persons, two-thirds of whom must be of adult age. It is sad to know that in addition to being blind, most of them are poor, and are dependent upon equally poor relatives or friends with whom they live, and are consequently but seldom seen in public. To give them the pleasure and consolations of reading, the teacher must go to them at their homes, and carry to them a regular exchange of books, for many are too poor to send to the library for the purpose.

From what has been stated it must be evident that this Society and its work are becoming known and appreciated. The labors of the Teacher have rapidly increased, and the Managers



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have engaged more of his time for the work, but an efficient and large staff of teachers is needed to visit the blind scattered about in this city, and throughout the State, if the work is to proceed as rapidly as is fervently desired.

The system of arranging, cataloguing and regulating the circulation of the embossed books at the Free Library is daily growing in importance. The Trustees of the Free Library in undertaking to superintend the circulation of the embossed books belonging to this Society have conferred a great benefit upon the blind, and the Managers of this Society desire, again, to express their grateful appreciation of the valuable co-operation which has been so generously afforded.

Whilst many blind persons are yearly dying, new ones are constantly being added to the list, so that the work of caring for them is unceasing.

Annual subscriptions are earnestly solicited, and all contributions will be thankfully received by the Treasurer.

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and that steps should be taken to procure a Charter of Incorporation under that title.



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## TESTIMONIES OF THE BLIND.

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The following are a few of the many testimonies which have been received from the blind readers upon the roll of the Society :—

“CAMDEN, N. J., MAY 8th, 1900.

“*Home Teaching Society for the Blind* :

“GENTLEMEN :—I want to express my gratitude to you and all those who have by their mind and means contributed to the noble work you are doing for the blind. I cannot express in words the pleasure and benefit I have received from learning to read the Moon type system. When the subject was first mentioned to me I was very skeptical of my ability to learn to read any of the various systems, and after a hasty examination gave them all up as impossible, at least for me,—but when your teacher, Mr. Moore, called and gave the first lesson I was able before he left to read slowly but correctly and before his return the following week I had read the book he left me through twice, since which time I have been reading every book he brought me and I think if I keep on improving you will soon have to furnish him with an express wagon to carry the books. And just here I want to say that I think Mr. Moore exceedingly well qualified for a teacher. Had you sent me some one who could see, I do not think I would have learned so rapidly, but when I knew that he too was blind and that for him also “The book of knowledge fair presented but a universal blank of nature’s works,” and yet he was so cheerful and encouraging I was induced to do my level best and found it not half so hard as I thought it must be.

“Thanking you again for the great pleasure you have given me, and for the relief and pleasure of those around me who have been cheered by my improvement in body as well as mind by my learning to read,

“I am, gratefully yours,

“A. H. MARSHALL,

“408 N. 6th Sreet, Camden, N. J.”

NOTE.—The foregoing was written in pencil by Mr. Marshall himself only a few months before his death in September, aged about fifty.

*" To the Home Teaching Society for the Blind :*

" LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—I wish to express my gratitude to you for learning to read through the medium of your Society.

" I have received four lessons from Mr. Moore and can read fairly well. I anticipate much pleasure in the future from this source.

" Wishing your Society much success and you many blessings in your noble work,

" I remain sincerely yours,

" C. W. HEWITT,

" 548 Bailey Street, Camden, N. J.

" May 22, 1900."

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" 807 NORTH BROAD STREET.

*" Home Teaching Society for the Blind :*

" It is with pleasure I add my testimony to that of others who have been so much benefited through the teachings of your Society,—thanks to your provision of not only books, but also teachers. All who will may learn to read the raised letters for the blind, without money and without price.

" Thanks to the patient, kindly care of my teacher, Mr. Moore, I am now able to occupy and cheer many otherwise weary, lonely hours. For now I can read again the word of God. Again, thanks both to the Society and to Mr. Moore.

" With best wishes for a wide spread of your usefulness,

" MRS. K. L. BROOKS."

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" 3931 RENO ST., PHILA., MARCH 16, 1900.

" I take great pleasure in adding my testimony in regard to the good work done by the Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind. Under Mr. Moore's instruction I have learned with great ease and rapidity Dr. Moon's type for the blind. Even in the little time I have already spent in studying the system, I have found much pleasure and profit. I cannot speak in too high terms of the blessing that this knowledge has brought to me and will, I am sure, bring to all who are afflicted as I am.

" Gratefully yours,

" MARY P. SHEETS."

1901

# STATEMENT OF TREASURER

OF THE

## PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

### RECEIVED.

Balance in Treasury, January 3, 1900, . . . . . \$154 92

#### From Annual Subscribers:—

Jan. 5, Mr. John E. Baird, . . . . .	\$25 00	May 25, Rev. Alfred L. Elwyn, . . . . .	\$5 00
" 5, Miss Emily Dutilh, . . . . .	5 00	" 25, Mr. Ferdinand J. Dreer, . . . . .	25 00
" 5, "H. S." per Miss Dutilh, . . . . .	5 00	June 18, Mr. Thomas Scattergood, . . . . .	5 00
" 5, Judge Ashman, . . . . .	5 00	Aug. 19, Mr. D. T. Pratt, . . . . .	25 00
Feb. 14, Mrs. M. E. Austin, . . . . .	2 00	" 10, Dr. R. C. Moon, . . . . .	5 00
" 16, Mrs. S. Dickson, . . . . .	5 00	" 10, Mrs. R. C. Moon, . . . . .	5 00
" 19, Mrs. Mary C. Howell, . . . . .	10 00	" 10, Mr. H. L. Hall, . . . . .	5 00
" 21, Miss S. P. E., . . . . .	5 00	" 10, Miss Sarah Nicholson, . . . . .	5 00
" 21, Miss Phebe Anna Thorne, . . . . .	10 00	" 10, Mrs. Beulah M. Rhoads, . . . . .	25 00
" 24, Miss S. P. E. (10 years), . . . . .	100 00	Oct. 12, Mrs. Susan Y. Foulke, . . . . .	1 00
" 24, Mrs. R. McGrath, . . . . .	1 00	" 15, Mr. J. G. Rosengarten, . . . . .	5 00
" 26, Mr. J. G. Rosengarten, . . . . .	5 00	Nov. 5, Mr. Frank Read, . . . . .	25 00
Mar. 10, Miss E. H. Thomas, . . . . .	5 00	" 8, Mr. Ben Gimbel, . . . . .	10 00
April 4, Mrs. Franklin Ballou, . . . . .	5 00	" 13, Mr. Elliston P. Morris, . . . . .	10 00
" 25, Mrs. Brooks, . . . . .	2 00	Dec. 7, Mr. Charles C. Savage, . . . . .	50 00
May 18, Mr. W. H. Richardson, . . . . .	5 00		
			\$401 00

#### From Cash Contributions:—

June 22, From a Friend, . . . . .	\$5 00	Nov. 23, Mrs. E. W. Clark, . . . . .	\$10 00
Aug. 7, Mr. Charles G. Jessup, . . . . .	25 00	" 30, Mr. Jos. Lafourcade, . . . . .	5 00
Nov. 3, Judge Mayer Sulzberger, . . . . .	10 00	" 30, Mr. Chas. Smith, . . . . .	5 00
" 3, Mr. John H. Converse, . . . . .	20 00	" 30, Mr. Chas. E. D'Inwilliers, . . . . .	1 00
" 5, Mr. Charles Rhoads, . . . . .	5 00	" 30, Mr. Thomas L. Gillespie, . . . . .	5 00
" 8, From a Friend, A. E. T., . . . . .	2 00	Dec. 5, Mr. Geo. W. Farr, Jr., . . . . .	5 00
" 13, Mrs. E. M. Davis and Mrs. S. A. Swain, . . . . .	5 00	" 7, Miss Rosengarten, . . . . .	5 00
" 13, Mrs. Herbert L. Clark, . . . . .	3 00	" 21, Mrs. E. H. Taylor, . . . . .	2 00
" 14, Mrs. Mary E. Butcher, . . . . .	5 00	" 27, Mrs. H. D. Justi, . . . . .	5 00
" 19, Mrs. Sarah J. White, . . . . .	20 00	" 29, Mr. Charles Smith, . . . . .	25 00
" 20, Anonymous, . . . . .	10 00		
			178 00

#### Miscellaneous receipts:—

From Free Library, for sale of books, stationery, writing paper, etc., . . . . .	\$87 78		
From Free Library, portion of bill for books purchased in England, . . . . .	18 91		
From Bible Society, one-third expense on importation of books purchased in England, . . . . .	7 20		
Contribution of Mr. D. T. Pratt, covering expense of circular letter, envelopes, etc., . . . . .	21 70		
Contribution of Mr. Frank Read of balance due him from Society, . . . . .	253 70		
		389 29	
			968 29
			\$1,123 21

### DISBURSED.

#### For Expenses:—

Paid teachers' salaries and expenses, postage, etc., by hands of Dr. R. C. Moon, Secretary, \$250, and nine days' salary and expenses of J. W. Moore, teacher, \$17.12, . . . . .	\$267 12		
Paid Ketterlinus Litho. Co. for printing catalogue, report, circular letter, envelopes, etc., . . . . .	131 05		
Postage and revenue, . . . . .	1 50		
		399 67	
Paid for books purchased in England and importation charges thereon, . . . . .	\$209 89		
Settlement of balance due Mr. Frank Read by Society, . . . . .	253 70		
Advertisement in Protestant Episcopal City Mission Directory, . . . . .	5 00		
		468 59	
		254 95	
			\$1,123 21

Balance in Philadelphia National Bank, January 2, 1901, . . . . .

PHILADELPHIA, January 2, 1901.

FRANK READ, *Treasurer.*

THE  
PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY  
AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY  
FOR THE BLIND.

PETTY CASH ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY

FROM

JANUARY 3, 1900, TO JANUARY 2, 1901.

1900.

Jan. 3, By Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, . \$13 43	To Postages, . . . . . \$22 10
" 6, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	To Typewriting and Mim'g, 7 40
April 6, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	Mr. Moore's salary as Vis- iting Teacher and his travelling expenses, 208 19
Sept. 18, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	To Stationery, . . . . . 2 40
Oct. 24, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	To Photograph of Depart- ment for the Blind in Free Library, . . . . . 5 00
Nov. 21, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	To Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, Jan. 2, 1901, . 19 80
Dec. 3, By Cash received from Mrs. Beu- lah Rhoads, . . . . . 1 46	
<u>\$264 89</u>	<u>\$264 89</u>

CHARTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACH-  
ING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING  
LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

*To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, No. 1,  
for the County of Philadelphia :—*

The petition of the undersigned,

respectfully represents :

That they have associated themselves together for the purpose and upon the terms and by the name herein stated under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled “An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations,” approved the twenty-ninth day of April, 1874, and the several supplements thereto, and that in accordance with the requirements of said Act they do set forth and declare that :

I. The name of the corporation is “The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind.”

II. The purpose for which the corporation is formed is the instruction of the blind in the art of reading by means of books printed in embossed or raised Moon type or other characters, at their homes and elsewhere, and to establish and operate by itself or through the medium of others a free circulating library, or libraries, of books printed in said type or other characters for the use of the blind.

III. The business of the corporation is to be transacted in the State of Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States, and its principal office is to be in the city of Philadelphia.

IV. The corporation shall exist perpetually.

V. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

VI. The names and residences of the subscribers, three of whom, at least, are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are as follows :—

WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Streets, Germantown.

ROBERT C. MOON, 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.

JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

VII. The business of the corporation shall be managed by a Board consisting of not less than twelve members of the corporation, as may be fixed by the By-Laws; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents (the number to be fixed by the By-Laws), a Treasurer, and a Secretary; and the two latter offices may be filled by one or two persons, as the corporation shall designate. The names and residences of the officers who have been chosen for the first year are as follows, viz. :—

*President :*

HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

*Vice-Presidents :*

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Streets, Germantown.

JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

FERDINAND J. DREER, 1520 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

*Secretary :*

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

*Treasurer :*

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.



*Board of Managers :*

PROF. EDWARD ELLIS ALLEN, Overbrook, Pa.	MRS. BEULAH M. RHOADS, Haddonfield, N. J.
HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce Street, Philada.	JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Sts., Germantown.
JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 North Broad Street, Philada.	JOHN THOMSON, 2101 N. Camac Street, Philada.
REV. EDGAR COPE, 9th and Lehigh Avenue, Philada.	J. RODMAN PAUL, 903 Pine Street, Philada.
REV. ALFRED L. ELWYN, 1422 Walnut Street, Philada.	JOHN J. WILKINSON, 817 Wharton Street, Philada.
HENRY L. HALL, 3518 Lancaster Avenue, Philada.	MRS. KATHARINE GIBBS ALLEN, Overbrook, Pa.
REV. JAMES MORROW, D. D., 269 W. Harvey Street, Germantown.	MRS. MARY BUTCHER, 3905 Walnut Street, Philada.
ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philada.	MRS. LAURA WILLIAMS COLWELL, Weymouth, N. J.
DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philada.	MRS. FANNY HAZARD DICKSON, 901 Clinton Street, Philada.
FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.	MRS. MARGARET MORRIS MOON, 617 S. 48th Street, Philada.
WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, 3717 Lancaster Avenue, Philada.	MRS. SARAH S. MORRIS, 241 S. 21st Street, Philada.
MISS SARAH NICHOLSON, Haddonfield, N. J.	MRS. MARY D. FAGAN, 126 W. Penn St., Germantown, Phila.

VIII. Membership shall be open to all persons of lawful age and good moral character, who shall subscribe to the objects of the corporation and be elected by the Board of Managers by ballot ; a majority of the members voting shall be necessary to an election.

Members shall have the right and privilege of voting at elections for the Board of Managers and other officers of the corporation, and shall be qualified to vote thereat only in case they shall have paid the annual subscription fixed by the By-Laws.

IX. The yearly income of the corporation other than that derived from realty, shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars. The funds of the corporation are to be raised by subscriptions from the members and contributions by the friends of the corporation, as well as from gifts, devises and bequests of the general public, with such aid and endowment as it may receive from other sources from time to time. Such funds shall only be applied to the purposes of the corporation as expressed in this charter.

WITNESS our hands and seals, at Philadelphia, the twenty-ninth day of January, A. D., 1901.

W. N. ASHMAN, [SEAL]  
JOHN P. RHOADS, [SEAL]  
JOHN E. BAIRD, [SEAL]  
ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., [SEAL]  
FRANK READ, [SEAL]  
DUNDAS T. PRATT, [SEAL]

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, } ss.

Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, personally appeared William N. Ashman, John E. Baird and Dundas T. Pratt, three of the subscribers to the above and within certificate of incorporation, and in due form of law acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this twenty-ninth day of January, A. D., 1901.

[SEAL]

ARCHER McLEARN,  
*Notary Public.*

## DECREE.

AND now to wit, this eighth day of March 1901, the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation having been on file in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court since the seventh day of February, 1901, the day on which publication of notice of intended application was first made, as appears by the Certificate thereon, and due proof of said application having been therewith presented to the Court, I do hereby certify that I have perused and examined said instrument and find the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class of corporations specified in Section 2 of the Act of April twenty-ninth, 1874, and that said purposes are lawful and not injurious to the community: It is therefore ORDERED AND DECREED that the said CHARTER be approved, and is hereby approved, and upon recording of the said Charter and its endorsements, and this Order in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Philadelphia County, it is now hereby ordered that the subscribers thereto and their associates shall thenceforth be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms and under the name therein stated.

CRAIG BIDDLE,

[SEAL]

*Judge.*

### FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath unto "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," the sum of* *Dollars.*

### FORM OF DEVISE.

*I give, devise and bequeath unto "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," and its successors :*

(DESCRIBE REAL ESTATE.)

## BY-LAWS.

1. The title of this Society shall be "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

2. The objects of the Society shall be : (1) To provide a teacher or teachers to find out and visit the blind at their homes. (2) To provide a free circulating library of embossed books in the Moon type for the blind, the volumes of which shall be exchanged by the teacher, or teachers, as often as necessary. (3) Volumes may be sent to blind readers at distant points, where there are no local libraries of such books.

3. The Management of the Society shall be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Managers (of not less than twelve), to be elected annually at a general meeting of the members of the Society, which Board of Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies for the unexpired term.

4. Members of the Society may be elected at any stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and upon the payment of \$2 or upward shall be qualified to vote for officers.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in January, to receive the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and Officers, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

6. The Board of Managers shall meet on the first Wednesday of every month (with the exception of June, July, August and September). Five members to constitute a quorum. Special Meetings may be called at the request of five members.

THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME  
TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING  
LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

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ESTABLISHED 1882. - REORGANIZED 1898.  
INCORPORATED 1901.

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*President*—HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN.

*Vice-Presidents* . . . { DUNDAS T. PRATT, ESQ.  
JOHN P. RHOADS, ESQ.  
JOHN E. BAIRD, ESQ.  
FERDINAND J. DREER, ESQ.

*Treasurer*—FRANK READ, ESQ.,  
827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

THIS Society was founded in 1882, with the object of providing a library of embossed books in the Moon type, and sending teachers to the homes of the blind for the purpose of teaching them to read, and periodically exchanging their books. For sixteen years the work was most successfully carried on in Philadelphia, under the superintendence of Mr. John P. Rhoads, the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Bible Society ; but in order to place it upon a more permanent basis, the Society was re-organized in 1898, and it is with much pleasure that the Managers of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind announce, that the Trustees of the

Free Library of Philadelphia have undertaken to co-operate with them, by taking charge of the library of embossed books belonging to this Society for the blind, as well as consenting to superintend the loaning of the books to the blind upon the Society's roll of readers, all expenses connected with the home teaching part of the work and the circulation of books outside of Philadelphia being borne by the Home Teaching Society.

The Library of Embossed Works has been transferred to the Free Library, 1217-1221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, where the books are kept in a room especially set apart for the purposes of this work. The room is also open to the blind as a reading-room, and such persons are welcome to the free use of the library. Those who live in Philadelphia or its vicinity will be taught, as heretofore, at their homes, without charge, by the visitors engaged by the Home Teaching Society for that special purpose.

More than half the blind are over forty years of age, and many of them have lost their eye-sight from exhausting diseases, from accidents, or from causes which shatter the nervous system; so that, when they are learning to read, they should have as few obstacles as possible put in their way. For this reason the books adopted by this Society are in the easily acquired embossed type of the late Dr. William Moon, of England, who, with his daughter, Miss Moon, visited Philadelphia in 1882, and advocated the adoption of the home teaching system for the adult blind. Dr. Moon, being himself blind, knew well the requirements of his fellow-sufferers, and his embossed books are especially adapted to the needs of those who have become blind since youth, or whose sense of touch has become blunted by laboring with the fingers.

In addition to its work in Philadelphia, this Society has loaned hundreds of volumes to blind persons who live at distant points, far away from the city, and has thus brought light and comfort into many a benighted dwelling.

Contributions to the funds of "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind" will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read, 827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Correspondence regarding the Society should be addressed to

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary*,  
Witherspoon Building,  
1319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS should henceforth be made to

JOHN THOMSON,  
*Librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia.*  
1217-1221 Chestnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

An embossed alphabet and a first lesson sheet will be forwarded upon application.

Books selected from the accompanying catalogue will be mailed to any part of the United States, to be returned in a month or sooner, and exchanged for others. The postage is one cent for two ounces. Postage stamps to cover this should be sent by persons using the Library. In cases of inability of the borrower to pay postage or expressage both ways, the Home Teaching Society will pay the outgoing cost of transportation, excepting on large volumes.

Friends of the blind are asked to send to the Secretary of the Society the names and addresses of any blind persons of whom they know, and they will be promptly visited by one of the teachers.



## List of Books in Moon's Type for the Blind.

### BIBLE.

	Hf.-Bd.		Hf.-Bd.
Genesis, 2 vols., . . . . .	\$2.25	Jeremiah 3 vols., . . . . .	\$3.15
Exodus, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.27	Ezekiel, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.95
Leviticus, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87	Daniel, . . . . .	1.00
Numbers, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.35	Hosea to Obadiah, . . . . .	.85
Deuteronomy, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.05	Jonah to Malachi, . . . . .	1.10
Joshua, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Matthew, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.70
Judges, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Mark, . . . . .	1.07
1 Samuel, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.90	Luke, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87
2 Samuel, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.67	John, . . . . .	1.00
1 Kings, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87	Acts, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.65
2 Kings, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.82	Romans, . . . . .	.70
1 Chronicles, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.72	1 and 2 Corinthians, . . . . .	1.00
2 Chronicles, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.00	Galatians to Philemon, . . . . .	1.15
Ezra to Esther, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.90	Hebrews to Jude, . . . . .	1.10
Job, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Revelation, . . . . .	.90
Psalms, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.85	Old Testament. Complete in 47	
Proverbs, . . . . .	1.20	vols., . . . . .	45.40
Ruth to Lamentations . . . . .	.92	New Testament. Complete in 13	
Isaiah, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.87	vols., . . . . .	12.27

### Chapters and Psalms.

1 Kings, chap. 18, . . . . .	\$0.16	John, chap. 6, . . . . .	\$0.17
2 Kings, chap. 4, . . . . .	.16	John, chap. 7, . . . . .	.12
2 Kings, chap. 5, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 8, . . . . .	.16
Psalms 20, 25, 90, 116 and 121, . . . . .	.16	John, chap. 9, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 32, 51, 130 and 143, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 10, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 34, 86 and 96, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 11, . . . . .	.15
Psalms 40, 42 and 84, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 12, . . . . .	.12
Psalms 91, 139 and 147, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 13, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 119, . . . . .	.26	John, chap. 14, . . . . .	.12
Proverbs, chap. 8, . . . . .	.10	John, chap. 15, . . . . .	.11
Isaiah, chaps. 35 and 49, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 16, . . . . .	.12
Isaiah, chap. 40, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 17, . . . . .	.11
Isaiah 53, Psalms 23 and 125, . . . . .	.10	John, chap. 18, . . . . .	.12
Isaiah 55, Psalms 27 and 103, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 19, . . . . .	.12
Sermon on the Mount, . . . . .	.25	John, chap. 20, . . . . .	.11
Mark, ch. 11 and 12 (smaller type), . . . . .	.15	John, chap. 21, . . . . .	.10
Luke, chap. 1, . . . . .	.17	Acts, chaps. 1 and 2, . . . . .	.18
Luke, chap. 2, . . . . .	.13	Acts, chap. 9, . . . . .	.12
Luke, chap. 11, . . . . .	.17	Romans, chaps. 5 and 6, . . . . .	.12
Luke 15 and Ephesians, chap. 2, . . . . .	.16	Romans, chap. 8, . . . . .	.12
Luke, chap. 18, . . . . .	.12	1 Corinthians, chap. 15, . . . . .	.16
John, chap. 1, . . . . .	.17	2 Corinthians, chaps. 5 and 6, . . . . .	.12
John, chap. 2, . . . . .	.10	Hebrews, chaps. 11 and 12, . . . . .	.18
John, chap. 3, . . . . .	.12	1 Peter, chaps. 1 and 2, . . . . .	.15
John, chap. 4, . . . . .	.12	Revelation, chaps. 1 to 5 (smaller	
John, chap. 5, . . . . .	.12	type), . . . . .	.18

LIST OF BOOKS IN MOON'S TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

BEGINNERS' WORKS.

Alphabet and Lord's Prayer, . . .	\$0.04
Spelling Lessons, 1 and 2, . . .	.02
Reading Cards, Nos. 1-8. Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are in extra large or giant type, each, . . .	.02
Golden Casket, Nos. 1 and 2, or packets of cards with texts, . .	.15
John, chaps. 1, 3, 14, 15, 16 and 17. Wide lines, . . .	
Life of Christ in Scripture words. Wide lines; 3 vols., St'd, \$1.35, .	2.00
First Lesson Book, . . .	.11
He Died For Me, . . .	.17

The following are for the Aged and such as have very hard hands :—	
Alphabet, . . .	\$0.02
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## PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND,

HELD AT THE BIBLE HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,

JANUARY 8, 1902.

**A**T the last Annual Meeting of this Society, held on January 2d, 1901, it was unanimously agreed that it should be known henceforth as "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," and also that steps should be taken to procure a Charter of Incorporation for it under that title.

The application for the Charter was at once prepared by J. Rodman Paul, Esq., and John J. Wilkinson, Esq., and it was approved by the Court of Common Pleas on February 7th, 1901. The Board of Managers desires to express to those gentlemen, as well as to George W. Morris, Esq., who officiated as "Master," its grateful appreciation of the valuable professional services so generously rendered by them to this Society.

As the Society is now enrolled as a legally incorporated institution of the State, it is to be hoped that benevolent individuals may be encouraged to contribute largely to its funds, and that ere long the Legislature may recognize its claims for assistance by making an appropriation towards its support. The

beneficent influence of this Society is daily becoming more extensively felt, and by the dissemination of its published Reports, and the frequent references kindly made to it in the Daily Press, such an interest in the work has been created amongst the blind, and their friends, that an increased demand has been made for the services of the teacher employed by this Society. This has made it necessary to engage him for another day in the week, so that the whole of his time is now employed in teaching and visiting the blind in Philadelphia and its vicinity, as well as periodically making exchanges of books for those who cannot go, or send to the Library for an exchange. This arrangement has involved an increase in the expenditures of the Society, but the Board has undertaken it, believing that when the need for more money is made known, funds will certainly be forthcoming to meet expenses incurred in so good a cause.

During the year 1901, the teacher, Mr. Moore, has had seventy-two new blind scholars under instruction in reading—a considerable increase upon the number of fifty-two new scholars in the previous year. He has paid 2321 visits to the blind at their homes, and has personally distributed 932 books amongst them. He is himself blind, and is always a welcome visitor at the homes of his fellow-sufferers. He possesses peculiar tact in introducing the embossed reading to those who are nervous or despondent; overcoming their objections, stimulating their hopes, and almost always succeeding in teaching them to read by the Moon type.

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The circulation of the books from our Library has been rapidly increasing; the total number of volumes issued during 1901 from the Department of the Blind of the Free Library of Philadelphia being 3042; of these 2161 volumes were distributed amongst the blind of Philadelphia, 932 of which were exchanged by the teacher, and 881 volumes have been loaned and forwarded to blind persons residing in various parts of Pennsylvania and many other States of the Union. But mere figures tell but a small part of the story of minds illumined and hearts lightened, as results of this Society's efforts.



**DR. WILLIAM MOON.**

**Inventor of Moon's Type for the Blind.**

The work of cataloguing and distributing the embossed books belonging to this Society, which in the year 1898 was so kindly undertaken by the Officials of the "Free Library of Philadelphia," has proved of the greatest benefit to the blind, and the Board of Managers desires again to express its thanks to the Trustees of the "Free Library" for their highly valued co-operation in the work of helping the blind to enjoy the blessing of reading books for themselves. The services rendered by the "Free Library" in the distribution of books among the blind of Philadelphia are performed without any expense whatever to this Society, but it has been necessary to make an arrangement, by which this Society pays a compensation for clerical services in connection with the distribution of all books sent beyond the confines of the city.

No limitations of territory confine our aims for the amelioration of the condition of the blind. We feel that wherever a blind person in need of a teacher or books is to be found, there the teacher or the books should be sent, and this work is being carried on in an ever-increasing degree. Embossed books and first lessons are constantly being sent by mail, or express, to blind persons scattered throughout the United States.

The new blind persons who have been visited and instructed by the teacher, varied in ages ranging from 14 to 81 years. Some of them were suffering from serious nervous troubles in addition to blindness, and at first, their friends were fearful that learning to read might unduly excite their nerves, but the teacher was able to allay such fears, and, as in the case of a child of 14 years, with spinal disease, unable to walk and spending her time in a reclining chair, he pointed out that what they needed most, was something to occupy the mind. The little girl referred to, soon learned to read by the Moon type, and her mother now says that the books are in her daughter's hand from morning until night, and she only regrets that she did not know of this Society years before.

Several of the new scholars had previously made unsuccessful attempts to learn to read by the Braille, or the Line type, but they were readily taught to read by the Moon type. There were others who had learned the Braille and the Line types at school, but from hardening of the fingers in manual occupations, they had lost the power of deciphering those characters, and such persons have gladly welcomed the more easily felt Moon type and its Library of books now open to them.

In the year 1900, a Mrs. Ferry of Trenton, N. J., was visiting in Philadelphia, and learned through the newspapers, which were read to her, of the existence of this Society. She had been blind but a few months, and was much mentally depressed by her affliction, but she soon became happier when our teacher had given her some instruction in the Moon type and she was able to read the books, which, in the words of the ancients, were to her as "Medicine to the soul." Upon her return to Trenton she sought out several of the blind of that city, and arrangements were made for our teacher to visit Trenton, with the result that at his first visit he taught six blind persons, and at his second visit, six more !

His first pupil in Trenton was a Mr. Richard Brown, of middle age, who had been blind only a few months. His blindness had entailed financial losses, and he was driven to the verge of dependency, for he could not

"forget

The precious treasure of his eyesight lost."

Our teacher spent an hour with him, and upon taking his leave Mr. Brown pressed his hand warmly and said, "Mr. Moore, this is the happiest hour I have known for months, and when you come again I shall be able to read to you the book which you are leaving with me." Mr. Brown soon became proficient and is now a delighted and cheerful reader. Free access was given him to the books of this Society's Library, and some of his Masonic brethren, seeing that they were such a solace to him, determined to secure for him a regular supply of them, by generously contributing the sum of \$50 to the funds of this Society to cover the expense of their expressage to the Masonic Home at Burlington, N. J., where he now resides. An interesting letter from Mr. Brown will be found among the "Testimonies of the Blind" in this Report.

Mrs. Ferry is highly appreciative of the reading, and is very enthusiastic in her endeavor to spread a knowledge of it amongst her fellow sufferers in Trenton. She and Mr. Ferry have kindly undertaken to receive packages of embossed books, periodically forwarded from our Library in Philadelphia, and distribute them among the little band of twelve blind readers in Trenton, for whom we now have to provide reading matter. Fifty books were read by them during July and August, which is remarkable, considering the exceedingly hot weather in those months.

Some new blind scholars have also been found and taught in Camden, and neighboring towns in New Jersey. No special organization for educating the blind, at present exists in New Jersey, and the adult blind of that State are in a very forlorn condition. We seem almost to hear the cry from thousands of sightless ones across the river, "Come over and help us!"—and for years past we have gone beyond our borders and tried our best to help them; but we trust that as this fact becomes better known, more of the philanthropic residents of New Jersey will be inclined to assist us in meeting the expense and extending the work. Such individuals cannot fail to be interested in hearing of the case of a young blind and deaf woman in Moorestown, N. J., who was taught in 1900, and who tells her friends that "the reading is the only comfort" she has, for the people with whom she lives, are unable to talk to her in any way, excepting as they communicate with her by placing her finger upon the embossed letters of the Moon alphabet.

An invitation came to us to send our teacher to Norristown, Pa., and upon visiting that town, he added five more blind readers to his list.

Among those taught in Philadelphia during the past summer was a young musician who had recently become blind. The teacher on visiting him, suggested that he should try to learn to read. The young man protested, saying that he would be able to amuse himself with his music, and at other times his wife could read to him, although he admitted that it was not always convenient for her to do so. The teacher spent an hour with him and left a little book, which he intimated would be read through by the time he returned. "O, no!" exclaimed the young man, "O, yes!" replied the teacher. When the latter paid his second visit a week later, his pupil greeted him by saying, "I have read the book through twice, and have started upon it the third time." The teacher then left with him "Peter the Great of Russia," and arranged to call again in a fortnight, but long before that time had expired the musician sent a letter saying that, although he "hated to be troublesome," he would be so glad if he could have another book, as he already missed his reading very much, and would "take back" all he had said about being able to amuse himself with music only. He now says he cannot find words to express his feelings of gratitude for the boon which has been conferred upon him.



**MISS MOON.**

**Miss Moon is successor to her father, Dr. William Moon, in conducting his Work for the Blind, at Brighton, England.**



An elderly blind lady in one of our public institutions was with difficulty persuaded to make an attempt to learn to read, as she had tried to learn the line type a few years ago, and utterly failed to accomplish it. But our teacher induced her to feel the letter O, and she at once exclaimed, "O, I can read that," and in less than five minutes she had made out the word J O H N, which pleased her greatly, as that was her father's name.

During the past year, several persons suffering from incipient cataract, and indulging the hope of eventually recovering their eye-sight by operation, have been persuaded to learn the type, and they now find in the embossed books great entertainment during the waiting time for operation. Others not entirely blind, or with eyes so weak that they cannot read for any length of time, have gladly availed themselves of the raised type, and now rest and "save" their eyes, whilst reading the embossed books with their fingers.

In addition to instructing new scholars, the teacher has visited and given a regular exchange of books to a large number of the older readers, many of whom are inmates of public institutions, such as the Almshouse at Blockley, and the various "Homes" for the blind and the aged in this City. The majority of them, however, are scattered about in their own homes in every section of the City.

At the request of the Board of Managers, the Secretary of this Society recently addressed a letter to the Hon. Samuel Ashbridge, Mayor of Philadelphia, informing him of the difficulty experienced in obtaining the addresses of many blind persons residing in the City, and asking his kind help in procuring them through the Police force. This letter met with a sympathetic and prompt response from the Mayor, who referred the matter to the Director of the Department of Public Safety. The Director, Mr. English, lost no time in instituting an investigation, and within ten days very kindly transmitted to the Secretary a list of blind persons in this City as compiled by the Lieutenants of Police. For this very prompt and courteous assistance from the municipal authorities, the Managers desire to express their grateful appreciation.

The Library of this Society, including the books belonging to the "Free Library," from which the blind can select their books,



**THE SOCIETY'S BLIND TEACHER GIVING ONE OF HIS PUPILS A LESSON  
IN THE MOON TYPE FOR THE BLIND.**

consists of 2500 volumes, and is located and operated in the "Department for the Blind" in the "Free Library of Philadelphia." All newly published embossed works in the Moon type are added to the Library as soon as issued, but there is a constant demand for more new books, and the blind say they are "hungry" for them. This demand can only be met by a large contribution of money to assist the Moon Society in England to stereotype plates for a much larger number of new books, and the Managers of this Society earnestly commend this matter to those who have the ability to form an ENDOWMENT FUND for the special purpose. Any Society or individual desirous of promoting this good work of providing new literature, can have any desirable book stereotyped, for the blind, at the rate of 75 cents for each large embossed page, so that a volume of 100 pages would cost only \$75 to stereotype, but would afford untold pleasure to the poor blind.

After twenty years of experience with the Moon type in Philadelphia, and the test of half a century in Great Britain, there can be no possible doubt that it is the only one in existence which is suited to the needs of the majority of the blind, and therefore, this Society is most desirous that the number and diversity of books in this type, should be speedily and largely increased.

It cannot be too well known that the benefits of this Society are free to the blind of all denominations and races, and a strong claim exists, we think, upon the various ministers of the City to make the work more widely known in their congregations. Much, with God's blessing, has been and is being done, but as yet we are only on the threshold of the work. There is, however, no reason why so many thousands of the adult blind in the State of Pennsylvania should remain unreached and untaught, when the method and the means of benefitting them have been provided, if only sufficient money be forthcoming, to continue and extend the benevolent work. As each new case is reached, and words of thanks pour forth from grateful lips, one can but feel a regret that it had not been reached before.

The want met by this Society is not met by any other charity, and of all the charities of the State, probably none is doing as much as this one for the amount of funds at its disposal. We, therefore, trust that this Society, which has accomplished so much during the first twenty years of its existence, may start afresh with twentieth-century vigor, to find out all the blind wherever

they may be, in this and neighboring States, and place in their hands a means of gaining comfort and entertainment during many dark and lonely hours ; for, they are

“ from the cheerful ways of men  
Cut off, and for the book of knowledge fair  
Presented with an universal blank  
Of Nature's works.”

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., *Secretary.*

Contributions towards an “Endowment Fund for Printing New Books for the Blind,” as well as Annual Subscriptions for the support of the general work of this Society, are earnestly solicited, and will be thankfully received by the Treasurer,

FRANK READ,

827 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS should be made to

JOHN THOMSON,

*Librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia,*

1217-1221 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

## TESTIMONIES OF THE BLIND.

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The following are a few of the many testimonies which have been received recently from the blind readers upon the roll of the Society :—

Trenton, April 24th, 1901.

*Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind.*

GENTLEMEN :—I take great pleasure in sending you this small testimonial as a thank offering in return for the great blessing conferred on me by the reading of your books in the Moon system for the blind. It has been food for both mind and body, making me more cheerful and happy, and lightening our home, which was sad and despondent before I learned to read from your valuable system. I feel so grateful, I will do all I can to spread the good work. Let me here say that Mr. Moore is the right man in the right place, and any one can learn of him very readily. Again I thank you for your many kindnesses. I remain,

Yours sincerely, MRS. FRANK P. FERRY,  
320 South Broad Street, Trenton, N. J.

NOTE.—Mrs. Ferry is an enthusiastic worker among the blind of Trenton, and takes charge of books, which are periodically forwarded from the Philadelphia Library for their use.

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Philadelphia, June 20, 1901.

*To the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind.*

It affords me not only great pleasure, but I feel it my duty, to tell of the great benefit I have received from Dr. Moon's embossed type method of teaching the blind to read. Through the skill of its admirable teacher, Mr. Moore, the midnight darkness of the mind has been illuminated by the sunlight of the system. I thank my Heavenly Father for His gift to the world of such an institution and also for such men and teachers who make the pathway of life of those who are afflicted, easier and happier.

Yours sincerely, MRS. CAROLINE H. SKIRVING,  
2564 N. Reese St., Philadelphia.

NOTE.—This lady is in her 81st year, and she learned to read in three lessons.

Among the new blind pupils taught during 1901 by the teacher employed by the "Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," is a Mr. Richard Brown, who is one of several who have learned to read the Moon embossed type in Trenton, N. J. Mr. Brown received his first and only lesson in the reading on April 16, 1901, and the following is a copy of a letter written with his own hand, which was received from him a few days afterward:—

Trenton, N. J., May 3, 1901.

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind.*

MY DEAR SIR:—A friend sent me a novel little writing board of his own invention, and until to-day I have not had a pen or pencil in my hand for a long time. In using it my first thought is to write to you and thank you, and through you the Society which you represent, for the little embossed booklet left with me. It was John, Chapter XV., and it has opened up a new world for me, as I had no knowledge of these books being in existence. I was in the same condition as a hungry tramp that had been given an unexpected feast, as I had read nothing for a long time, and if you and your people knew how much pleasure and profit I have derived from it, they would know that at least one afflicted one appreciates their noble efforts. I felt I could not express my feelings in a better way than by making my maiden effort at putting my thoughts again on paper, by remembering your Society first, and whilst of course you will note that the chirography is by no means as the draughtsman could rule his drawings, still the thought of doing this, even in so crude a manner, is a gratification, as it will give you an idea of my heartfelt respect for your noble work.

I suppose you remember having read, in your school-boy days, of the toasts given at a banquet in London, England, just after the close of the Revolutionary War, Benjamin Franklin being one of the conspicuous Americans present. I will mention the substance of one of the same,—“The silvery moon, whose mild beams dispel the shades of night.” Has not Dr. Moon’s invention dispelled the shades of night for many sightless persons? The name of the inventor seems so appropriate that I thought of it at once.

If I did not make this too lengthy and uninteresting I would like to give you my full experience in this matter for the benefit of the Society. I will be as brief as I can. No mortal could have been worse in a mental way than I was, before seeing the teacher that day here, and what seems so remarkable, to me at least, was the fact that he should select the XV. Chapter of St. John—“I am the true vine and my father is the husbandman.” The symbolism and the simplicity of the illustration, as well as a few minor incidents, opened up a new light for me in a spiritual way, and struck a chord that probably nothing else could have done. I will only be too glad to have your Society know this.

Mr. Moore must have been guided by the will of Providence to select

for me that beautiful chapter. It seemed as if it was the Divine link in bringing me to a proper frame of mind, and a happy purging of gloom and despair. I was then able to look upon my affliction in a way that would have seemed impossible before. I would only be too happy to have any literature that you have for distribution in this way, and assure you it will have one appreciative heart here.

Trusting that this crude composition may be decipherable,

I remain, yours very truly and sincerely,

[Signed] RICHARD BROWN.

Philadelphia, August 31, 1901.

*To the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind.*

GENTLEMEN :—Words cannot express the enjoyment and benefit I am receiving since learning to read the Moon system through your Society, and the many kindnesses shown me by your teacher, Mr. Moore. Wishing the Society much success, and thanking you and Mr. Moore,

Sincerely yours, HARRY G. JUNGHERR.

Philadelphia, March 8, 1901.

MR. MOORE, *Pennsylvania Home Teaching for Blind.*

DEAR SIR :—Accept my thanks for your kind attention and patience in teaching my daughter Elsie the Moon system of reading for the blind. My daughter, who is now fourteen years old, is doubly afflicted, having been blind since she was six years old, and also having been afflicted with spinal trouble for the last five years, not being able to walk at all, but being compelled to sit in her chair all day long. The system has been a great help to her. It is instructive and also gives her something to occupy her mind, and by taking her mind off of her afflictions, makes her cheerful. It also takes the place of what an amusement would be to another child who is not afflicted as she is. I take pleasure in recommending the system to any one afflicted with blindness and will cheerfully answer any communication addressed to me. Thanking you once more for the good you have done, I remain,

Respectfully yours, MRS. JULIUS EBNER,

No. 2226 Bainbridge St.





1902

# STATEMENT OF TREASURER

OF THE

## PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

### RECEIVED.

Balance in Treasury, January 2, 1901, . . . . . \$254 95

#### From Annual Subscribers:—

Jan. 3,	Rev. Charles Wood, .D. D.,	\$5 00	May 20,	Miss Sarah Nicholson, . .	\$5 00
" 4,	Miss Phoebe A. Thorne, . .	10 00	" 22,	Hon. W. N. Ashman, . .	5 00
" 4,	Mr. William H. Richardson, .	5 00	" 24,	Mrs. Kate L. Brooks, . .	2 00
" 4,	Mrs. Louis E. Fagan, . . .	1 00	" 25,	Mr. Thos. L. Scattergood, .	5 00
" 5,	Mr. John P. Rhoads, . . .	5 00	July 1,	Miss Em. Dutilh, in mem-	
" 5,	Mrs. Samuel Dickson, . . .	5 00		ory of Mrs. C. E. Frye, .	5 00
" 10,	Miss E. H. Thomas, . . .	5 00	Aug. 16,	Miss L. M. Holman, (2yrs.),	4 00
" 14,	Mrs. M. E. Austin, . . .	2 00	Nov. 21,	Rev. Thomas Houston, . .	2 00
Feb. 13,	Mr. Charles G. Jessup, . .	10 00	" 25,	Mr. John J. Wilkinson, . .	5 00
Mar. 6,	Rev. Alfred L. Elwyn, . . .	5 00	" 25,	Mr. Ben Gimbel, . . .	10 00
" 6,	Mr. John Thomson, . . .	5 00	" 25,	Mr. Charles G. Jessup, . .	10 00
" 6,	Miss Julia Kneeder, . . .	2 00	Dec. 27,	Mr. Charles Smith, . . .	5 00
April 25,	Mr. John E. Baird, . . .	50 00	" 31,	Mr. Charles C. Savage, . .	50 00
May 17,	Dr. R. C. Moon, . . .	5 00			
" 17,	Mrs. Dr. R. C. Moon, . . .	5 00	1902.		
" 17,	Mr. Frank Read, . . .	25 00	Jan. 1,	Mr. J. E. Baird, for 1902, .	50 00
" 17,	Mr. D. T. Pratt, . . .	25 00	" 4,	Hon. Mayer Sulzberger, . .	10 00
" 17,	Mrs. Beulah M. Rhoads, . .	25 00	" 4,	Mr. Chas. D'Invilliers, . .	2 00
" 18,	Mr. Ferdinand J. Dreer, . .	25 00	" 6,	Mr. Elliston P. Morris, . .	10 00
" 18,	Mr. H. L. Hall, . . .	5 00			
					\$405 00

#### 1901. From Cash Contributions:—

Jan.	4,	Dr. Edward S. Sheldon, . .	\$1 00	Mar.	23,	Miss Emma S. Farr, . . .	\$10 00
"	4,	Mr. George Lippincott, . .	1 00	"	23,	Miss Elizabeth Caskey, . .	1 00
"	10,	Mr. T. Broom Belfield, . .	10 00	Oct.	15,	Column Lodge 120, F. &	
Feb.	5,	Mr. Samuel Wetherill, . .	5 00			A. M. a/c Rich'd Brown, .	50 00
Mar.	21,	"From a Friend" through					88 00
		Mr. J. P. Rhoads, . . .	10 00				

#### Miscellaneous Receipts:—

Aug. 16,	Books sold Miss Lavinia		Oct. 29,	Extra Donation from Mrs.	
	M. Holman, . . .	\$1 00		Samuel Dickson, . . .	5 00
Oct. 10,	Loan from Mr. Frank Read,	25 00			
					31 00
					524 00

\$778 95

### DISBURSED.

#### For Expenses:—

Contribution to Free Library, . . . . .	\$50 00
Paid teacher's salary and traveling expenses, postages, etc., by hands of Dr. R. C. Moon, Secretary, . . . . .	480 00
Expenses incident to obtaining charter, . . . . .	42 19
Postages used by Treasurer, . . . . .	1 00
Ketterlinus Litho. Mfg. Co. for printing report, subscription blanks, circulars, etc., . . . . .	104 85
Times Printing Co. for stationery used by Free Library, . . . . .	14 00
	\$692 04
Paid for books purchased in England of Moon Society, . . . . .	84 33
	\$776 37
	2 58
	\$778 95

Balance in Treasury, January 8, 1902, . . . .

The undersigned Committee have audited above account and find it correct.

JOHN J. WILKINSON.  
ROBERT C. MOON, M. D.

PHILADELPHIA, January 8, 1902.

THE  
PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY  
AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY  
FOR THE BLIND.

PETTY CASH ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY

FROM

JANUARY 2, 1901, TO JANUARY 8, 1902.

1901.

Jan. 2, By Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, . \$19 80	
Jan. 3, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	To Postages, . . . . . \$16 46
Feb. 20, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	To Typewriting, . . . . . 9 07
Mar. 26, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	Mr. Moore's salary as Vis- iting Teacher and his traveling expenses, . 405 57
May 16, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	
June 14, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	To Stationery, . . . . . 3 92
July 24, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	
Sept. 16, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 25 00	To Half-tone of Depart- ment for the Blind in Free Library, and photograph and half- tone of "Charter," . 10 88
Oct. 10, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 25 00	
Nov. 9, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	
Dec. 16, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 30 00	To Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, Jan. 8, 1902, . 53 90
1902. Jan. 8, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	
<u>\$499 80</u>	<u>\$499 80</u>

The undersigned has audited above account and finds it to be correct.

JANUARY 8, 1902.

JNO. J. WILKINSON.

CHARTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACH-  
ING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING  
LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

*To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, No. 1,  
for the County of Philadelphia :—*

The petition of the undersigned,

respectfully represents :

That they have associated themselves together for the purpose and upon the terms and by the name herein stated under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the twenty-ninth day of April, 1874, and the several supplements thereto, and that in accordance with the requirements of said Act they do set forth and declare that :

I. The name of the corporation is "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

II. The purpose for which the corporation is formed is the instruction of the blind in the art of reading by means of books printed in embossed or raised Moon type or other characters, at their homes and elsewhere, and to establish and operate by itself or through the medium of others a free circulating library, or libraries, of books printed in said type or other characters for the use of the blind.

III. The business of the corporation is to be transacted in the State of Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States, and its principal office is to be in the city of Philadelphia.

IV. The corporation shall exist perpetually.



DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND IN THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA.

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DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND IN THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA.

V. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

VI. The names and residences of the subscribers, three of whom, at least, are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are as follows :—

WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Streets, Germantown.

ROBERT C. MOON, 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.

JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

VII. The business of the corporation shall be managed by a Board consisting of not less than twelve members of the corporation, as may be fixed by the By-Laws; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents (the number to be fixed by the By-Laws), a Treasurer, and a Secretary; and the two latter offices may be filled by one or two persons, as the corporation shall designate. The names and residences of the officers who have been chosen for the first year are as follows, viz. :—

*President :*

HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

*Vice-Presidents :*

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Streets, Germantown.

JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

FERDINAND J. DREER, 1520 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

*Secretary :*

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

*Treasurer :*

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.

*Board of Managers :*

PROF. EDWARD ELLIS ALLEN, Overbrook, Pa.	MRS. BEULAH M. RHOADS, Haddonfield, N. J.
HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce Street, Philada.	JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Sts., Germantown.
JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 North Broad Street, Philada.	JOHN THOMSON, 2101 N. Camac Street, Philada.
REV. EDGAR COPE, 9th and Lehigh Avenue, Philada.	J. RODMAN PAUL, 903 Pine Street, Philada.
REV. ALFRED L. ELWYN, 1422 Walnut Street, Philada.	JOHN J. WILKINSON, 817 Wharton Street, Philada.
HENRY L. HALL, 3518 Lancaster Avenue, Philada.	MRS. KATHARINE GIBBS ALLEN, Overbrook, Pa.
REV. JAMES MORROW, D. D., 269 W. Harvey Street, Germantown.	MRS. MARY BUTCHER, 3905 Walnut Street, Philada.
ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philada.	MRS. LAURA WILLIAMS COLWELL, Weymouth, N. J.
DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philada.	MRS. FANNY HAZARD DICKSON, 901 Clinton Street, Philada.
FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.	MRS. MARGARET MORRIS MOON, 617 S. 48th Street, Philada.
WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, 3717 Lancaster Avenue, Philada.	MRS. SARAH S. MORRIS, 241 S. 21st Street, Philada.
MISS SARAH NICHOLSON, Haddonfield, N. J.	MRS. MARY D. FAGAN, 126 W. Penn St., Germantown, Phila.

VIII. Membership shall be open to all persons of lawful age and good moral character, who shall subscribe to the objects of the corporation and be elected by the Board of Managers by ballot ; a majority of the members voting shall be necessary to an election.

Members shall have the right and privilege of voting at elections for the Board of Managers and other officers of the corporation, and shall be qualified to vote thereat only in case they shall have paid the annual subscription fixed by the By-Laws.





## DECREE.

AND now to wit, this eighth day of March 1901, the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation having been on file in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court since the seventh day of February, 1901, the day on which publication of notice of intended application was first made, as appears by the Certificate thereon, and due proof of said application having been therewith presented to the Court, I do hereby certify that I have perused and examined said instrument and find the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class of corporations specified in Section 2 of the Act of April twenty-ninth, 1874, and that said purposes are lawful and not injurious to the community: It is therefore ORDERED AND DECREED that the said CHARTER be approved, and is hereby approved, and upon recording of the said Charter and its endorsements, and this Order in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Philadelphia County, it is now hereby ordered that the subscribers thereto and their associates shall thenceforth be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms and under the name therein stated.

CRAIG BIDDLE,

*Judge.*

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### FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath unto "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," the sum of* *Dollars.*

### FORM OF DEVISE.

*I give, devise and bequeath unto "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," and its successors :*

(DESCRIBE REAL ESTATE.)

## BY-LAWS.

1. The title of this Society shall be "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

2. The objects of the Society shall be : (1) To provide a teacher or teachers to find out and visit the blind at their homes. (2) To provide a free circulating library of embossed books in the Moon type for the blind, the volumes of which shall be exchanged by the teacher, or teachers, as often as necessary. (3) Volumes may be sent to blind readers at distant points, where there are no local libraries of such books.

3. The management of the Society shall be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Managers (of not less than twelve), to be elected annually at a general meeting of the members of the Society, which Board of Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies for the unexpired term.

4. Members of the Society may be elected at any stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and upon the payment of \$2 or upward shall be qualified to vote for officers.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the third Wednesday in January, to receive the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and Officers, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

6. The Board of Managers shall meet on the third Wednesday of every month (with the exception of June, July, August and September). Five members to constitute a quorum. Special Meetings may be called at the request of five members.

THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME  
TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING  
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THIS Society was founded in 1882, with the object of providing a library of embossed books in the Moon type, and sending teachers to the homes of the blind for the purpose of teaching them to read, and periodically exchanging their books. For sixteen years the work was most successfully carried on in Philadelphia, under the superintendence of Mr. John P. Rhoads, the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Bible Society ; but in order to place it upon a more permanent basis, the Society was reorganized in 1898, and it is with much pleasure that the managers of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind announce, that the Trustees of the Free

Library of Philadelphia have undertaken to co-operate with them, by taking charge of the library of embossed books belonging to this Society for the blind, as well as consenting to superintend the loaning of the books to the blind upon the Society's roll of readers, all expenses connected with the home teaching part of the work and the circulation of books outside of Philadelphia being borne by the Home Teaching Society.

The Library of Embossed Works has been transferred to the Free Library, 1217-1221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, where the books are kept in a room especially set apart for the purposes of this work. The room is also open to the blind as a reading-room, and such persons are welcome to the free use of the library. Those who live in Philadelphia or its vicinity will be taught, as heretofore, at their homes, without charge, by the visitors engaged by the Home Teaching Society for that special purpose.

More than half the blind are over forty years of age, and many of them have lost their eye-sight from exhausting diseases, from accidents, or from causes which shatter the nervous system; so that, when they are learning to read, they should have as few obstacles as possible put in their way. For this reason the books adopted by this Society are in the easily-acquired embossed type of the late Dr. William Moon, of England, who, with his daughter, Miss Moon, visited Philadelphia in 1882, and advocated the adoption of the home teaching system for the adult blind. Dr. Moon, being himself blind, knew well the requirements of his fellow-sufferers, and his embossed books are especially adapted to the needs of those who have become blind since youth, or whose sense of touch has become blunted by laboring with the fingers.

In addition to its work in Philadelphia, this Society has loaned hundreds of volumes to blind persons who live at distant points, far away from the City, and has thus brought light and comfort to many a benighted dwelling.

Contributions to the funds of "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind" will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read, 827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Correspondence regarding the Society should be addressed to

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary*,  
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APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS should henceforth be made to

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An embossed alphabet and a first lesson sheet will be forwarded upon application.

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Friends of the blind are asked to send to the Secretary of the Society the names and addresses of any blind persons of whom they know, and they will be promptly visited by one of the teachers.

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**INSTRUCTIONS.**—In teaching the Alphabet, care should be taken to explain the alterations made in the letters, as indicated by the dotted lines (see the note above the Alphabet). The first line of reading is read from left to right, and the second from right to left, to prevent the reader from losing his place; the brackets guide the finger from line to line. Words ending in *ing*, *ment*, *tion*, and *ness* have the last letter put in a separate syllable, as; *g* for *ing*; *!* for *ment*, etc., two dots one above the other giving notice of the contraction. The first letters of *LORD*, *CHRIST* always stand for those holy names. Two dots side by side are used for a full stop, a single dot for any shorter stop. Two short lines one above the other. — stands for *th* and *the*.

# REPORT OF MANAGERS

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY  
AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY  
FOR THE BLIND,

HELD AT THE WITHERSPOON BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,

JANUARY 29, 1903.

**T**HE work of sending forth teachers to impart a knowledge of reading to the blind in their homes, and lending them embossed books from a free circulating library, which was commenced in Philadelphia in a small way in 1882, has now reached large and important proportions. During the past year—the twentieth year of this Society's existence—the results obtained have far exceeded those of any previous year; more readers have been enrolled, more books have been distributed from the library and more numerous requests for instruction in reading and loans of books have come from the interior of Pennsylvania and from other States of the Union.

Our teacher has paid 2205 visits to the blind, he has had fifty-three new pupils under instruction at their homes, and most of them have become fluent readers, notwithstanding that some are over 81 years of age. To this number must be added seventy-seven more blind persons who have, during the year, been enrolled at the library as borrowers of books. These with the previous readers make a total of 437 upon our list at the present time. It must, however, be borne in mind that, during the twenty years, many hundreds besides have been benefited of the Society, several of whom have died during that



The number of embossed volumes sent forth from the Department for the Blind in the Free Library during 1902 has been 3447, of which number 862 were distributed by the teacher, and 1001 were loaned and forwarded to blind persons, in the State of Pennsylvania and other States of the Union.

In sending books to distant points, considerable expense is entailed for transportation.

But whilst the usefulness of this Society has been so largely extended, the contributions to meet the current expenses have not been correspondingly increased.

It is with deep regret that the Board announces the death of Mr. Ferdinand J. Dreer, an esteemed Vice-President of this Society. He was always greatly interested in its operations and was a liberal contributor to its funds.

Upon looking over our list of new readers we find that accidents, destructive inflammations and nervous diseases have been very frequent causes of their blindness, which have too often also resulted in a shattered condition of the nervous system, and our experience during the past year has served to strengthen our conviction that the Moon type, which is the most easily felt and learned, is the one best adapted to the touch and capacity of the majority of our adult blind readers. The following references to some of these cases may be of interest :

Mrs. H.—a lady of refinement, had been blind seven years from Atrophy of the Optic Nerve, when our teacher visited her. He found her still suffering from the shock of her husband's tragic death, which occurred while she and he were living in New York. She was standing with her attendant on a corner of a street waiting for him to come home to supper, when he was run over by a carriage and was instantly killed. But notwithstanding her nervousness, when our teacher called upon her, Mrs. H. was anxious to learn the embossed type, hoping that reading might divert her mind from her ever-present sorrow. After our teacher had visited her four times, she was able to read with much comfort and pleasure. She had also committed to memory fourteen pages of the Gospel of St. John and her despondency has given place to joy.

It is not uncommon for blind persons in middle and advanced life to abandon all hope of ever being able to read again, but in many cases, as in that of Mrs. S., 58 years of age, who learned in two lessons, their doubts are dispelled as soon as our teacher instructs them in the simple Moon type, and they are surprised that it is so easily learned and ever after read.

Many of our readers are over 70 and 80 years of age. One blind lady in her 81st year, and another in her 83d year, much to their delight, have learned to read by the Moon type. Mr. E., 65 years of age, who had been blind but a short time,



**DR. WILLIAM MOON.**

*Inventor of Moon's Type for the Blind.*

learned it very readily, and his blind daughter learned it in a few minutes. Another of our new readers, Mr. N.—26 years of age, and recently a student of Medicine, became blind suddenly about eighteen months ago, just one month prior to his final examination and graduation at one of our leading Medical Colleges in Philadelphia. He quickly learned to read by the Moon type, which has given him an incentive to renew his studies, and has revived his hopes of usefulness in the world. He has since learned Massage, for which his previous medical training particularly fitted him, and we wish him every success as a practicing Masseur.

Miss J.—an aged lady whose sight had been very defective for many years, has recently been taken to her rest, after a period of severe suffering, but until nearly the last, she was never without her embossed books in the Moon type, which her devoted relatives made it their pleasure frequently to exchange for her at our Library. She was an authoress of repute, and possessed a well stored mind, replete with general and Biblical knowledge; nevertheless she would often say that no recollections of her own, or reading of others, could give her just the pleasure which reading the Bible and other books with her own fingers could afford.

Our teacher continues to visit the blind inmates of several public institutions in Philadelphia and has recently commenced the instruction of a blind deaf and dumb man in the Blockley Almshouse, with every prospect of success. This makes the sixth blind deaf and dumb person taught by the agent of this Society during the past twenty years. What a boon the type must be to those who dwell in the land of silence and darkness!

A blind couple in Philadelphia have recently been taught to read, the husband being 81 and the wife 70 years of age. The latter wrote on November 6, 1902, "I am 70 years of age, my sight and hearing nearly gone. It was a great sorrow that I could no longer read God's Word, but two weeks ago to-day this new system of reading was put into my hand. I have received two lessons from our worthy teacher, Mr. Moore, and now I can read the New Testament and Psalms quite nicely."

In October last the Rev. Dr. R. Marshall Harrison, of Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, very kindly preached a sermon on behalf of the Society, setting forth its objects and methods, and the offertory was appropriated to this Society's fund. The Board desires to record its gratitude for this marked practical interest in the Society's work, and trusts this is but the beginning of a series of sermons, which will help to bring this work for the blind to the knowledge of the churches throughout the City and State.

By request of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind and the Free Library of Philadelphia, Miss Neisser, during the past summer, visited various Institutions and Libraries in New York City and Albany for the purpose of obtaining information about Libraries for the blind.

Miss Neisser in her report states that the New York Free Circulating Library for the Blind in 1898 commenced Home Teaching of the blind in New York City, in conjunction with the Library and "by the generosity of three ladies interested in the work, the Library is able to employ the services of a teacher to call on the blind in their homes to instruct them in reading. Too much can not be said of the value of this branch of the work." The Library contains a set of books in Moon type presented by Miss Phoebe Anna Thorne, and the teacher, Mrs. Kellock, informed Miss Neisser that these volumes are in constant use by new readers and those unable to master the other embossed types.

The Charter title of this Society indicates that it is a "Pennsylvania" Society, and that it aims to reach the whole of the blind population of the State, with the exception of those young persons under education in the schools for the blind. According to the census returns of 1900, the total blind population of the State is 5095, and that of Philadelphia 989. Eighty-two per cent. of these are over 21 years of age, the age limit for admission into the schools, which in Pennsylvania provide for the education of 290 boys and girls. It will therefore be evident, how greatly the Home Teaching plan is needed to supplement the work of the schools.

With only one teacher, whose time is wholly given to visiting and teaching the blind in Philadelphia, great things have been accomplished, but six teachers might easily find work to do amongst the hundreds of blind persons still untaught in Philadelphia, not to speak of the remaining 4000 scattered about in the towns and villages of Pennsylvania.

The machinery employed is so simple that a contribution of a few thousands of dollars yearly to pay the salaries of teachers, and to purchase the necessary books, would enable this Society, in a systematic and satisfactory manner to reach a far larger number of the blind every year, until there should not remain a blind person in the State who has not been offered the means of reading for himself.

This Society has no high salaried officers, or expensive establishments to maintain, so that every cent subscribed to its funds is devoted to the objects it aims to accomplish. Thanks to the continued kindness of the Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the books of this Society are cared for and distributed free of charge to the blind of Philadelphia, and your Board of

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The following are but a few of many interesting communications received from and about the blind :—

MR. JOHN P. RHOADS,

Ansonia, Conn., April 8th, 1902.

DEAR SIR :—I return now the lives of Wesley and Luther and the Catechisms which were loaned me several months ago. I have a disabling trouble of the head which makes my reading slow and it would be impossible for me to read at all—or nearly so—if it were not for the Moon type. It is a blessed type, let it never be abandoned. Although the leaders of blind education in this country may ignore it, old people will always need it. I read these books with great interest and profit. I thank you heartily for this and former favors.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM TERRY, 12 South Cliff Street.

Philadelphia, November 6th, 1902.

*To the Managers of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind.*

GENTLEMEN :—My heart thrills with gratitude to our loving Heavenly Father who prompted Dr. William Moon, of England, to invent the embossed type for the use of the blind, and I thank you for placing it within my reach. I am 70 years of age, my sight and hearing nearly gone. It was my great sorrow that I could no longer read God's Word. Two weeks ago to-day, this new system of reading was put into my hands. I have received two lessons from our worthy teacher, Mr. Moore; now I can read the New Testament and Psalms quite nicely. My husband is 81 years old and blind and he is learning to read too. I have also your writing tablet and have written two long letters. I used to say I had nothing to do, but now I am a busy woman. Praise the name of the Lord!

MRS. ANNA J. CAMPBELL,

424 North 41st Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

East Orange, N. J., January 25th, 1903.

MY DEAR MR. RHOADS :—My aunt, Miss Mary Crear (who was blind, and has in times past, benefited by receiving reading matter from your library), passed into the life beyond on December 11th, ult. She had in her possession fifteen books in Dr. William Moon's type for the blind. These she greatly enjoyed and has read and re-read many times. Most of them are parts of the Bible. These I would like greatly to send to you.

Very sincerely yours, (MRS.) MARGARET W. BROCKETT,  
185 Prospect Street.

Burlington Township, N. J., October 10th, 1902.

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary,*

*Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind.*

MY DEAR SIR :—I desire to express to you my thanks for the great pleasure, comfort and personal benefit that I have derived from the use of the embossed literature in the Moon type for the blind. The blind have truly much to be grateful for at the work that is being done for them by your Society. I also find that the literature in the library is of the highest character and of a comprehensive and varied nature. Since being brought into the Home Teaching Society's fold, life has become more peaceful and tranquil, hope has supplanted despair, it is not all eternal midnight now. The heavy, inky clouds have all been swept away.

Yours truly and gratefully, RICHARD BROWN.

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"	21, Mrs. Samuel Dickson, . . . . .	5 00	"	19, Mr. J. P. Rhoads, . . . . .	5 00
Mar.	10, Dr. R. C. Moon, . . . . .	5 00	"	19, Mrs. Samuel Dickson, . . . .	5 00
"	10, Mrs. R. C. Moon, . . . . .	5 00	"	19, Mrs. S. J. White, . . . . .	20 00
"	12, Mrs. Sarah J. White, . . . . .	20 00	"	22, Miss Fanny Rosengarten, . . .	5 00
"	12, Mr. H. L. Hall, . . . . .	5 00	"	22, Mr. Jos. G. Rosengarten, . . .	5 00
"	12, Mrs. Sarah Nicholson, . . . . .	5 00	"	22, Mr. Benedict Gimbel, . . . . .	10 00
"	12, Mr. D. T. Pratt, . . . . .	25 00	"	22, Mr. E. H. Taylor, . . . . .	2 00
"	13, Mr. Ferd. J. Dreer, . . . . .	25 00	"	22, Mr. Chas. D'Inwilliers, . . .	1 00
"	13, Mr. J. P. Rhoads, . . . . .	5 00	"	22, Miss E. H. Thomas, . . . . .	5 00
"	13, Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, . . . . .	5 00	"	23, Mr. H. L. Clark, . . . . .	5 00
"	18, Mrs. Kate L. Brooks, . . . . .	2 00	"	23, Mr. Jas. F. Magee, . . . . .	5 00
"	18, Mr. E. H. Taylor, . . . . .	2 00	"	23, Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, . . . .	5 00
April	1, Mr. W. H. Richardson, . . . . .	5 00	"	26, Mr. D. Frank Greenewald, . . .	5 00
"	17, Mrs. Beulah M. Rhoads, . . . .	25 00	"	27, Mr. W. H. Richardson, . . . .	5 00
Dec.	3, Mr. Charles Smith, . . . . .	5 00			\$507 00

1902.	From Cash Contributions:—				
Jan.	8, "A Friend" (by Miss Nicholson), . . . . .	\$5 00	Dec.	17, Holy Trinity Mem. Chapel, . . .	\$28 00
"	13, Mr. Paul Philip, . . . . .	2 00	"	24, Mr. Edgar H. Butler, . . . . .	5 00
"	13, Dr. David D. Wood, . . . . .	2 00	"	24, Mr. Jas. S. Biddle, . . . . .	2 00
"	13, Dr. Edward S. Sheldon, . . . . .	1 00	1903.		
"	15, Mr. John H. Converse, . . . . .	20 00	Jan.	19, Mr. F. K. Hipple, . . . . .	5 00
"	18, Mrs. R. McGrath, . . . . .	1 00	"	22, Cash, . . . . .	5 00
April	3, Mrs. E. W. Clark, . . . . .	10 00	"	22, Cash, . . . . .	1 00
"	3, Mr. Herbert L. Clark, . . . . .	3 00	"	22, Mrs. Evan Randolph, . . . . .	5 00
"	17, Miss Stewart, . . . . .	1 00	"	22, Mrs. Jos. Harrison, . . . . .	50 00
June	30, Mrs. Washington Butcher, . . .	5 00	"	22, Mr. Ellis D. Williams, . . . .	5 00
"	30, Miss Dutilh (in memory of Mrs. C. E. Frye), . . . . .	5 00	"	23, Miss Catherine W. Morris, . . .	2 00
"	30, "H. S." (through Miss Dutilh), . . . . .	5 00	"	23, Miss Frances A. Roberts, . . .	10 00
Nov.	10, } Mrs. Caroline H. Skirving, . . . . .	1 50	"	23, Mr. Geo. C. Thomas, . . . . .	25 00
Dec.	27, } . . . . .		"	24, Mrs. Marianne B. Woodward, . .	5 00
			"	27, Miss Julia P. Kneedler, . . . .	2 00
					\$211 50

1902.	Miscellaneous Receipts:—				
	Contributions for expense of publishing "John Halifax, Gentleman":—				
May	20, Miss Phoebe Anna Thorne, . . . .	\$50 00			
"	21, Mr. Frank Read, . . . . .	50 00			
June	30, Mr. John E. Baird, . . . . .	50 00			
		\$150 00			

## DISBURSED.

Total Receipts, \$893 74

Teacher's salary and traveling expenses, postages, etc., by hands of Dr. R. C. Moon, Secretary, . . . . .	\$475 00		
Postages used by Treasurer, . . . . .	4 00		
Free Library a/c express charges on books sent out, . . . . .	25 00		
Advertisement in City Mission Directory, . . . . .	5 00		
Entry Charges on imported books, . . . . .	8 95		
Contribution towards publishing "John Halifax, Gentleman," . . . . .	150 00		
Expense of publishing report, subscription blanks, circulars, etc., . . . . .	115 50		
Repayment of loan made Oct. 10, 1901, by Treasurer, . . . . .	25 00		
Books purchased, . . . . .	51 07		
Total Disbursements, . . . . .	\$859 52		

Balance in Treasury, January 27, 1903, . . . . . 36 80 \$896 32

Audited and found correct.

JNO. J. WILKINSON,  
January 27, 1903.

# PETTY CASH ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY

FROM

JANUARY 8, 1902, TO JANUARY 27, 1903.

1902.

Jan. 8, By Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, . . \$53 90	
Feb. 6, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	To Postages, . . . . . \$35 90
Mar. 20, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	To Typewriting, . . . . . 11 48
Apr. 16, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	
May 29, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	Mr. Moore's salary as Vis- iting Teacher and his traveling expenses, . . 454 02
July 11, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	
Oct. 1, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	To Stationery, . . . . . 16 13
Oct. 31, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	
Dec. 13, By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 50 00	To Sundries, . . . . . 8 25

1903.

Jan. 16. By Cash received from Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 75 00	To cash in hands of Dr. Moon, Jan. 27, 1903. 3 12
\$528 90	\$528 90

The undersigned has audited above account and finds it to be correct.

JANUARY 27, 1903.

JNO. J. WILKINSON.

V. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

VI. The names and residences of the subscribers, three of whom, at least, are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are as follows :—

WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Streets, Germantown.

ROBERT C. MOON, 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.

JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

VII. The business of the corporation shall be managed by a Board consisting of not less than twelve members of the corporation, as may be fixed by the By-Laws; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents (the number to be fixed by the By-Laws), a Treasurer, and a Secretary; and the two latter offices may be filled by one or two persons, as the corporation shall designate. The names and residences of the officers who have been chosen for the first year are as follows, viz. :—

*President :*

HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

*Vice-Presidents :*

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Streets, Germantown.

JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

FERDINAND J. DREER, 1520 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

*Secretary :*

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

*Treasurer :*

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.

*Board of Managers :*

PROF. EDWARD ELLIS ALLEN, Overbrook, Pa.	MRS. BEULAH M. RHOADS, Haddonfield, N. J.
HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce Street, Philada.	JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Sts., Germantown.
JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 North Broad Street, Philada.	JOHN THOMSON, 2101 N. Camac Street, Philada.
REV. EDGAR COPE, 9th and Lehigh Avenue, Philada.	J. RODMAN PAUL, 903 Pine Street, Philada.
REV. ALFRED L. ELWYN, 1422 Walnut Street, Philada.	JOHN J. WILKINSON, 817 Wharton Street, Philada.
HENRY L. HALL, 3518 Lancaster Avenue, Philada.	MRS. KATHARINE GIBBS ALLEN, Overbrook, Pa.
REV. JAMES MORROW, D. D., 269 W. Harvey Street, Germantown.	MRS. MARY BUTCHER, 3905 Walnut Street, Philada.
ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philada.	MRS. LAURA WILLIAMS COLWELL, Weymouth, N. J.
DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philada.	MRS. FANNY HAZARD DICKSON, 901 Clinton Street, Philada.
FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.	MRS. MARGARET MORRIS MOON, 617 S. 48th Street, Philada.
WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, 3717 Lancaster Avenue, Philada.	MRS. SARAH S. MORRIS, 241 S. 21st Street, Philada.
MISS SARAH NICHOLSON, Haddonfield, N. J.	MRS. MARY D. FAGAN, 126 W. Penn St., Germantown, Phila.

VIII. Membership shall be open to all persons of lawful age and good moral character, who shall subscribe to the objects of the corporation and be elected by the Board of Managers by ballot ; a majority of the members voting shall be necessary to an election.

Members shall have the right and privilege of voting at elections for the Board of Managers and other officers of the corporation, and shall be qualified to vote thereat only in case they shall have paid the annual subscription fixed by the By-Laws.

IX. The yearly income of the corporation other than that derived from realty, shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars. The funds of the corporation are to be raised by subscriptions from the members and contributions by the friends of the corporation, as well as from gifts, devises and bequests of the general public, with such aid and endowment as it may receive from other sources from time to time. Such funds shall only be applied to the purposes of the corporation as expressed in this charter.

WITNESS our hands and seals, at Philadelphia, the twenty-ninth day of January, A. D., 1901.

W. N. ASHMAN,	[SEAL]
JOHN P. RHOADS,	[SEAL]
JOHN E. BAIRD,	[SEAL]
ROBERT C. MOON, M. D.,	[SEAL]
FRANK READ,	[SEAL]
DUNDAS T. PRATT,	[SEAL]

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, }  
CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, } ss.

Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, personally appeared William N. Ashman, John E. Baird and Dundas T. Pratt, three of the subscribers to the above and within certificate of incorporation, and in due form of law acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this twenty-ninth day of January, A. D., 1901.

[SEAL]	ARCHER MCLEARN, <i>Notary Public.</i>
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## DECREE.

AND now to wit, this eighth day of March 1901, the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation having been on file in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court since the seventh day of February, 1901, the day on which publication of notice of intended application was first made, as appears by the Certificate thereon, and due proof of said application having been therewith presented to the Court, I do hereby certify that I have perused and examined said instrument and find the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class of corporations specified in Section 2 of the Act of April twenty-ninth, 1874, and that said purposes are lawful and not injurious to the community: It is therefore ORDERED AND DECREED that the said CHARTER be approved, and is hereby approved, and upon recording of the said Charter and its endorsements, and this Order in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Philadelphia County, it is now hereby ordered that the subscribers thereto and their associates shall thenceforth be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms and under the name therein stated.

CRAIG BIDDLE,

[SEAL]

*Judge.*



### FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath unto "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," the sum of* *Dollars.*

### FORM OF DEVISE.

*I give, devise and bequeath unto "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," and its successors :*

(DESCRIBE REAL ESTATE.)

## BY-LAWS.

1. The title of this Society shall be "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

2. The objects of the Society shall be : (1) To provide a teacher or teachers to find out and visit the blind at their homes. (2) To provide a free circulating library of embossed books in the Moon type for the blind, the volumes of which shall be exchanged by the teacher, or teachers, as often as necessary. (3) Volumes may be sent to blind readers at distant points, where there are no local libraries of such books.

3. The management of the Society shall be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Managers (of not less than twelve), to be elected annually at a general meeting of the members of the Society, which Board of Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies for the unexpired term.

4. Members of the Society may be elected at any stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and upon the payment of \$2 or upward shall be qualified to vote for officers.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the fourth Wednesday in January, to receive the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and Officers, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

6. The Board of Managers shall meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month (with the exception of June, July, August and September). Five members to constitute a quorum. Special Meetings may be called at the request of five members.

THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME  
TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING  
LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND

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ESTABLISHED 1882. - REORGANIZED 1898.  
INCORPORATED 1901.

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*President*—HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN.

*Vice-Presidents* . . . . . { DUNDAS T. PRATT, ESQ.  
JOHN P. RHOADS, ESQ.  
JOHN E. BAIRD, ESQ.  
BENEDICT GIMBEL, ESQ.

*Treasurer*—FRANK READ, ESQ.,  
827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

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THIS Society was founded in 1882, with the object of providing a library of embossed books in the Moon type, and sending teachers to the homes of the blind for the purpose of teaching them to read, and periodically exchanging their books. For sixteen years the work was most successfully carried on in Philadelphia, under the superintendence of Mr. John P. Rhoads, the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Bible Society; but in order to place it upon a more permanent basis, the Society was reorganized in 1898, and it is with much pleasure that the managers of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind announce, that the Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia have undertaken to co-operate with them, by taking charge of the library of embossed books belonging to

this Society for the blind, as well as consenting to superintend the loaning of the books to the blind upon the Society's roll of readers, all expenses connected with the home teaching part of the work and the circulation of books outside of Philadelphia being borne by the Home Teaching Society.

The Library of Embossed Works has been transferred to the Free Library, 1217-1221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, where the books are kept in a room especially set apart for the purposes of this work. The room is also open to the blind as a reading-room, and such persons are welcome to the free use of the library. Those who live in Philadelphia or its vicinity will be taught, as heretofore, at their homes, without charge, by the visitors engaged by the Home Teaching Society for that special purpose.

More than half the blind are over forty years of age, and many of them have lost their eye-sight from exhausting diseases, from accidents, or from causes which shatter the nervous system; so that, when they are learning to read, they should have as few obstacles as possible put in their way. For this reason the books adopted by this Society are in the easily-acquired embossed type of the late Dr. William Moon, of England, who, with his daughter, Miss Moon, visited Philadelphia in 1882, and advocated the adoption of the home teaching system for the adult blind. Dr. Moon, being himself blind, knew well the requirements of his fellow-sufferers, and his embossed books are especially adapted to the needs of those who have become blind since youth, or whose sense of touch has become blunted by laboring with the fingers.

In addition to its work in Philadelphia, this Society has loaned hundreds of volumes to blind persons who live at distant points, far away from the City, and has thus brought light and comfort to many a benighted dwelling.

Contributions to the funds of "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind,"

will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read,  
827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Correspondence regarding the Society should be addressed to

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary*,  
Witherspoon Building,  
1319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS should  
henceforth be made to

JOHN THOMSON,  
*Librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia*,  
1217-1221 Chestnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

An embossed alphabet and a first lesson sheet will be forwarded upon application.

Books selected from the accompanying catalogue will be mailed to any part of the United States, to be returned in a month or sooner, and exchanged for others. The postage is one cent for two ounces. Postage stamps to cover this should be sent by persons using the Library. In cases of inability of the borrower to pay postage or expressage both ways, the Home Teaching Society will pay the outgoing cost of transportation, excepting on large volumes.

Friends of the blind are asked to send to the Secretary of the Society the names and addresses of any blind persons of whom they know, and they will be promptly visited by one of the teachers.

## List of Books in Moon's Type for the Blind.

### BIBLE.

	Hf.-Bd.		Hf.-Bd.
Genesis, 2 vols., . . . . .	\$2.25	Jeremiah 3 vols., . . . . .	\$3.15
Exodus, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.27	Ezekiel, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.95
Leviticus, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87	Daniel, . . . . .	1.00
Numbers, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.35	Hosea to Obadiah, . . . . .	.85
Deuteronomy, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.05	Jonah to Malachi, . . . . .	1.10
Joshua, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Matthew, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.70
Judges, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Mark, . . . . .	1.07
1 Samuel, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.90	Luke, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87
2 Samuel, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.67	John, . . . . .	1.00
1 Kings, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87	Acts, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.65
2 Kings, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.82	Romans, . . . . .	.70
1 Chronicles, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.72	1 and 2 Corinthians, . . . . .	1.00
2 Chronicles, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.00	Galatians to Philemon, . . . . .	1.15
Ezra to Esther, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.90	Hebrews to Jude, . . . . .	1.10
Job, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Revelation, . . . . .	.90
Psalms, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.85	Old Testament. Complete in 47	
Proverbs, . . . . .	1.20	vols., . . . . .	45.40
Ruth to Lamentations . . . . .	.92	New Testament. Complete in 13	
Isaiah, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.87	vols., . . . . .	12.27

### Chapters and Psalms.

1 Kings, chap. 18, . . . . .	\$0.16	John, chap. 6, . . . . .	\$0.17
2 Kings, chap. 4, . . . . .	.16	John, chap. 7, . . . . .	.12
2 Kings, chap. 5, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 8, . . . . .	.16
Psalms 20, 25, 90, 116 and 121, . . . . .	.16	John, chap. 9, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 32, 51, 130 and 143, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 10, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 34, 86 and 96, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 11, . . . . .	.15
Psalms 40, 42 and 84, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 12, . . . . .	.12
Psalms 91, 139 and 147, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 13, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 119, . . . . .	.26	John, chap. 14, . . . . .	.12
Proverbs, chap. 8, . . . . .	.10	John, chap. 15, . . . . .	.11
Isaiah, chaps. 35 and 49, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 16, . . . . .	.12
Isaiah, chap. 40, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 17, . . . . .	.11
Isaiah 53, Psalms 23 and 125, . . . . .	.10	John, chap. 18, . . . . .	.12
Isaiah 55, Psalms 27 and 103, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 19, . . . . .	.12
Sermon on the Mount, . . . . .	.25	John, chap. 20, . . . . .	.11
Mark, ch. 11 and 12 (smaller type), . . . . .	.15	John, chap. 21, . . . . .	.10
Luke, chap. 1, . . . . .	.17	Acts, chaps. 1 and 2, . . . . .	.18
Luke, chap. 2, . . . . .	.13	Acts, chap. 9, . . . . .	.12
Luke, chap. 11, . . . . .	.17	Romans, chaps. 5 and 6, . . . . .	.12
Luke 15 and Ephesians, chap. 2, . . . . .	.16	Romans, chap. 8, . . . . .	.12
Luke, chap. 18, . . . . .	.12	1 Corinthians, chap. 15, . . . . .	.16
John, chap. 1, . . . . .	.17	2 Corinthians, chaps. 5 and 6, . . . . .	.12
John, chap. 2, . . . . .	.10	Hebrews, chaps. 11 and 12, . . . . .	.18
John, chap. 3, . . . . .	.12	1 Peter, chaps. 1 and 2, . . . . .	.15
John, chap. 4, . . . . .	.12	Revelation, chaps. 1 to 5 (smaller	
John, chap. 5, . . . . .	.12	type), . . . . .	.18

LIST OF BOOKS IN MOON'S TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

BEGINNERS' WORKS.

Alphabet and Lord's Prayer, . . .	\$0.04	The following are for the Aged and such as have very hard hands :—	
Spelling Lessons, 1 and 2, . . .	.02	Alphabet, . . . . .	\$0.02
Reading Cards, Nos. 1-8. Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are in extra large or giant type, each, . . . . .	.02	Cards with texts. Nos. 1-3, each, . .	.02
Golden Casket, Nos. 1 and 2, or packets of cards with texts, . .	.15	Psalms 103, . . . . .	.17
John, chaps. 1, 3, 14, 15, 16 and 17. Wide lines, . . . . .		Psalms 51, . . . . .	.17
Life of Christ in Scripture words. Wide lines; 3 vols., St'd, \$1.35, .	2.00	Psalms 25 and 115, . . . . .	.17
First Lesson Book, . . . . .	.11	Psalms 34 and 86, . . . . .	.17
He Died For Me, . . . . .	.17	The Crucifixion. Matt. 27, . . . .	.37
		The Resurrection and Ascension. Matt. 28, . . . . .	.30
		Romans, chap. 8, . . . . .	.20
		Hymns: "Sun of my Soul," etc., .	.12
		"I've Found a Friend," . . . . .	.10

BIOGRAPHY.

Albert, Prince Consort of England, Early years of H. R. H., the late, \$1.05		Lowther, Sir C. H., Bart. With Illustrations, . . . . .	\$0.90
Arkwright, Sir Richard, . . . . .	.17	Luther, Martin, 3 vols., each, . . .	1.05
Bacon, Nicholas, . . . . .	.10	Maudslay, Henry, . . . . .	.72
Bloomfield, Robert, . . . . .	.23	Metcalf, J., . . . . . St'd, \$0.40,	.60
Bramah, Joseph, . . . . . St'd, \$0.37,	.57	Minton, Herbert, . . . . .	.10
Brown, John, . . . . . St'd, .23,	.41	Moon, Dr. William. Labors for the Blind, . . . . .	1.05
Bunyan, John, . . . . .	.67	Morehead, Rev. R., D. D. With Illustration, . . . . .	.65
Carey, William, . . . . .	.20	Murray, Alexander, . . . . .	.18
Caxton, William, . . . . .	.16	Nansen, Fridjof, 2 vols., each, . . .	1.35
Clarke, Adam, . . . . .	.17	Nelson, Horatio, Viscount, . . . .	.67
Columbus, Christopher, 3 vols., . .	2.10	Newton, Sir Isaac, . . . . .	.20
Cook, Captain, 2 vols. St'd, \$0.70,	1.05	Our Gracious Queen, . . . . .	.75
Cooter, Eliza, . . . . .	.27	Paton, Rev. J.G., D.D., 5 vols., each,	1.35
Cranmer, Thomas, Last Days of, . .	.13	Peel Family, . . . . . St'd, \$0.23,	.41
Davis, John, . . . . .	.30	Peter the Great, . . . . .	.72
Davy, Sir Humphrey, . . . . .	.27	Pollard, Harriet, . . . . .	.17
Eade, William, . . . . .	.23	Polycarp, St., Last Days of, . . . .	.13
Ferguson, James, . . . . .	.25	Prince and the Prayer. St'd, \$0.37,	.57
Franklin, Benj., 2 vols., St'd, \$0.80,	1.20	Queen's Journal :—	
Garfield, James Abram, 20th President of U. S., 2 vols., each, . . .	1.10	First Visit to Scotland, . . . . .	.77
Garibaldi, 3 vols., each, . . . . .	1.12	Life in the Highlands, 2 vols., . .	2.00
Gilbert, Miss, 2 vols., each, . . . .	.95	Visit to Blair Athole, and West Tour, . . . . .	.80
Gladstone, William Ewart, 2 vols., each, . . . . .	1.35	Sharples, James, . . . . .	.25
Gordon, Charles George, Memoir of General, . . . . .	.55	Spurgeon, Rev. C. H., 2 vols., each,	1.35
Grey, Lady Jane, . . . . . St'd, \$0.37,	.57	Stephenson, George, . . . . .	.27
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THIS Society has now reached the full term of twenty-one years of uninterrupted usefulness, and it is gratifying to be able to report that in every way more has been accomplished during the past year than in any previous similar period; besides which, the knowledge of the work effected by this, the pioneer Home Teaching Society for the blind in the United States, has stimulated philanthropists to make similar efforts to aid the blind in other places.

This Society now employs one male and one female teacher, the latter devoting her attention more especially to visiting and teaching the female blind. Her salary has thus far been met by two members of the Board of Managers—Mrs. Beulah M. Rhoads, and Mr. Dundas T. Pratt, each of whom kindly contributed \$100 for this special purpose.

The two teachers have paid 2693 visits, and they have had 70 new pupils during the year, most of whom have become readers of the embossed books. Almost all of them are elderly persons, and one of them is in his ninetieth year.

To this number we must add 121 more new blind persons who have, during the year, been enrolled as borrowers of books. These, with the previous readers, make a total of 621 upon our roll at the present time.



There have been 4819 volumes issued from the Department for the Blind in the Free Library during 1903, of which number our teachers have distributed 1930 volumes, and 950 volumes have been loaned and forwarded to blind persons in various parts of Pennsylvania and other States. No mere words can possibly express the delight of the blind upon receiving any new book with which they can pleasantly pass the hours, which would otherwise be monotonous and dreary.

As we have before repeatedly stated, the majority of the blind met with are in middle or advanced life, and many of them are physically enfeebled, as their blindness has most frequently resulted from old age, accident, or disease. Under such circumstances, experience has abundantly proved that the easily felt, unabbreviated Moon type, which is the one adopted by this Society, is the only one possible of decipherment or suited to their requirements.

It is needless to describe how keenly those suffer who become blind after having enjoyed the blessing of sight for a period of years, or how utterly blank and hopeless the future appears to them. But if a page of the embossed reading, with simply formed letters, is placed beneath the blind man's fingers, a thrill of hope passes through his frame as he recognizes the familiar form of an O or an I, an L or a V; he is encouraged to feel on, until he has deciphered the alphabet, and his joy is at its height, as he spells out "*God is Love.*"

A brief reference to a few of our scholars may be of interest to the members of this Society.

One of our readers, Mrs. C., aged 70 years, whose gratifying testimonial appeared in our last Report, has become an exceedingly good and rapid reader. Last year she made the casual acquaintance of her books, but now they are her intimate and inseparable friends. Her minister called upon her one day and found her reading. He asked if she understood what she was reading and she replied, "I surely do; in fact better than when I could see, for then I read too fast and failed to digest thoroughly what I had read." So impressed was the minister with this answer, that he chose "Too rapid and careless reading of the Scriptures" as the subject of his discourse on the following Sunday.

Among the new scholars is Mr. F. T., aged 75, who had been blind three years when our teacher visited him three months ago. In two lessons he mastered the alphabet, and read several pages of his book. At the teacher's third visit, Mr. T. wanted him to bring him Longfellow's "Evangeline," and by the third week he was reading Aytoun's "Lays of the Scottish Cavaliers." In a testimonial which he has addressed to the Managers he says, "To think that in one lesson I could be taught to read as the blind read seems incredible, yet I am reading every day, and passing the time in pleasure that formerly hung so heavily on my hands."



**DR. WILLIAM MOON.**

**Inventor of Moon's Type for the Blind.**

Mr. Daniel W., aged 69, whose sight had been failing for almost twelve years, had been totally blind for three years when our teacher called upon him. At first he felt very certain that he would not be able to learn to read, as he thought it would affect his head, which was liable to ache, but with the teacher's assistance and encouragement he made an effort to do so, and at Mr. Moore's second visit he was able to read the whole of the Lord's Prayer, and at once commenced to read the Gospel of St. John. He now says that since he has learned to read, the time passes much more agreeably and that his head troubles him no longer. Within a month he has also read the lives of two inventors, Sir Richard Arkwright and Joseph Bramah, which interested him very much, as he had been himself a skilful machinist before losing his eyesight.

Our teachers continue to visit, and furnish a regular exchange of books to the blind inmates of "Blockley" and several of the "Homes" in Philadelphia, where their visits are always most welcome, as the blind in those institutions have no other means of procuring a supply of reading matter.

From time to time younger blind persons come under the notice of our teachers, and it is surprising how quickly they learn to read the Moon type. One of these, Miss B. L., a Russian Jewess, aged 24, who could speak English, but knew not even the names of the letters of the alphabet, was able in a lesson of one hour, to learn them and the embossed characters representing each letter. The teacher left with her a page of reading, and at his next visit she could recite the whole of it, for as she had spelled out the letters, her friends had pronounced the words for her. She received only three lessons from the teacher, during which, she read with much delight the whole of the "First Reader." As it is our custom to encourage all young blind persons found and taught by our teachers to avail themselves of the excellent facilities afforded for a complete education at the "Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind," we have brought this case, with several others, to the notice of Professor E. E. Allen, the Principal, who has kindly interested himself in gaining for them admission into the school. Here it may be stated that the relations between this Society and the authorities of the School for the Blind, at Overbrook, are of the most harmonious description, both recognizing the importance and value of their respective spheres of operation.

During the month of May, our teacher, Mr. Moore, visited, by request, the Doylestown Home for the Infirm Deaf and Dumb, for the purpose of teaching four deaf, dumb and blind persons to read. They were three sisters, aged respectively 53, 50 and 34 years, and their brother, 48 years old—all the offspring of first cousins.

Our teacher, who is himself blind, began with the brother, and after fully explaining the system to him, the sisters in turn received their lessons, all the instructions having to be conveyed through the hands and fingers of the teacher and scholars. When the lessons were over, the countenances of all four beamed with delight, and the Matron said that she had not seen them so happy for weeks.

Mr. Moore found that Miss A. S., another of his deaf, dumb and blind readers whom he had taught in Moorestown, N. J., had taken up her abode in the same institution, and was greatly enjoying the use of her embossed books. During the history of this Society nine deaf, dumb and blind persons have been taught by its agents, and who can describe the joy which the reading must have afforded them in their triple affliction! Upon revisiting the Doylestown "Home," a few weeks later, our teacher found that his scholars were making excellent progress in reading the Moon type. The books afforded them, in their silence and darkness, by far the greatest pleasure they had, and they tried their utmost to make known their delight by two or three at one time endeavoring to express their thanks to Mr. Moore with their hands and fingers.

There are four other blind readers of the books in the town, making nine altogether in Doylestown who are enjoying the use of the embossed books from our library in Philadelphia.

We desire to emphasize the fact that the Society's efforts are by no means confined to Philadelphia. Constantly the embossed books and information about the Home Teaching and Library work are being sent to various parts of Pennsylvania and many other States of the Union, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the ice-fields of Alaska to the islands of the tropics.

The Managers of this Society desire again to express their appreciation of the kind co-operation of the Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, in whose "Department for the Blind" the Home Teaching Society's Library continues to be most efficiently cared for and operated. Whilst the distribution of the books for the blind of Philadelphia is made without any charge, the clerical and transportation expenses connected with books forwarded beyond the boundaries of the city have to be met by this Society.

The Managers thankfully acknowledge a contribution of \$100 from Mr. John H. Converse and promises from Miss Phebe Anna Thorne, Mr. Frank Read, Mr. John E. Baird, and Mr. Benedict Gimbel of contributions of \$100 each toward the "Publication Fund" of \$100,000, which was started at the last Annual Meeting of this Society. The object of this fund is to form an endowment, the interest of which shall be devoted to the publication of new and interesting books in the Moon type for the blind.

The blind crave a varied and entertaining literature, as much so as their more favored sighted brethren, and the Managers of this Society trust that during the coming year the "Publication Fund" may swell to large proportions, and soon permit of their helping again to provide such a literature, as when, on a previous occasion, the Society contributed \$150 toward the cost of stereotyping "John Halifax, Gentleman," which is greatly enjoyed by our blind readers.

The Managers further hope that the list of Annual Subscriptions will this year be largely increased to provide for the working expenses of this Society.

In conclusion, they can not refrain from expressing much gratification at witnessing the interest which is now being manifested in New England, New York and elsewhere in the amelioration of the condition of the adult blind, similar to the interest which has been taken in the matter by this Society for the past twenty-one years. Truly

"Out of the shadows of the night  
The world rolls into light,  
Day is breaking everywhere."

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., *Secretary.*



MISS MOON.

**Miss Moon is successor to her father, Dr. William Moon, in conducting his Work for the Blind, at Brighton, England.**

The Board of Managers has much pleasure in announcing that the authorities of the Universal Exposition, to be held in St. Louis during this year, have kindly granted space for an exhibit by this Society of the plan of Home Teaching of the blind, with a display of the embossed works published by the Moon Society for the blind, especially the Moon embossed type, so successfully used by this Society among the adult blind. A special fund to meet the expenses connected with this exhibit is being raised, and further help is needed to make a satisfactory exhibit and demonstration of the system at the World's Fair. There ought to be little trouble in raising the remaining sum (about \$200) needed, as this is deemed to be a golden opportunity for making known to persons from every part of the world, assembled at St. Louis, what Home teaching of the blind means, and how successful it has proven in Philadelphia during the past twenty-one years. Thereby others may be encouraged and stimulated to return to their homes determined to establish similar societies in their own neighborhoods.

The exhibit of this Society will be located in the "Model Schools for the Deaf and for the Blind," as one of the "Objective Exhibits," in the Section for the Blind.

Contributions toward the "Publication Endowment Fund," and the "Special Fund for the Exhibit at St. Louis," as well as Annual Subscriptions for the general work of the Society, will be thankfully received by the Treasurer,

FRANK READ,

827 Drexel Building, Philadelphia.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS should be made to

JOHN THOMSON,

Librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia,

1217-21 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.



THE SOCIETY'S BLIND MALE TEACHER GIVING ONE OF HIS PUPILS A LESSON  
IN THE MOON TYPE FOR THE BLIND.



## TESTIMONIES OF THE BLIND.

The following are but a few of many interesting communications received from and about the blind :—

July 23, 1903.

MY DEAR DOCTOR MOON :—A cousin of mine was brought on from Pittsburg about two weeks ago, with the faint hope that some specialist might be able to restore her sight, which she had lost within three months, but nothing could be done.

She is visiting with friends at a country-seat, 8 miles from me. She had tried to learn the Braille type at home, but was completely discouraged. I told her of your father's life-work, gave her my copy of the alphabet, and in about four hours she could describe the appearance of each letter without the touch, and immediately read, "God is love," looking up with such a sweet, contented expression. I was amazed. She has always been a brilliant woman of much culture, and is comparatively young, and it is all so sad ! Will you please kindly send me a printed list of the newest books in the Moon type ?

Yours very sincerely,

LAURA WILLIAMS COLWELL, Weymouth, N. J.

September 23, 1903.

MY DEAR DOCTOR MOON :—Thank you so much for your kind note of the 16th. You will be pleased to hear that my blind cousin can read rapidly now. She has returned to Pittsburg a much happier woman than when she came on, and the blind-type volumes purchased at the Library are her greatest treasures. As long as the world lasts, and until the last generation shall have passed beyond the shadow, the life-work of your blessed father shall follow him.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) LAURA WILLIAMS COLWELL.

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary*.

DEAR SIR :—Your teacher, Mr. Moore, has visited Mr. Frederick Tallent, a blind man, 75 years of age, and given him instruction. In one lesson practically Mr. Tallent learned the alphabet. He is very much interested, has had two of your books, and is most grateful that this knowledge has been brought into his lonely life. His wife, aged 70, is able to be with him in the evenings only. We wish to thank your Board of Managers, and also assure you of the careful teaching of Mr. Moore, his kindness and that of his wife in visiting Mr. Tallent, of whom I know very well through our Church connection.

Believe me, Doctor Moon,

Yours very sincerely,

C. L. THOMPSON.

MISS THOMPSON, No. 1123 Spruce Street, Philadelphia,  
Wednesday, October 21, 1903.

Philadelphia, October 22, 1903.

*To the Board of Managers of the Home Teaching Society.*

GENTLEMEN :—It is with pleasure that I inform you that I am so much interested in the book last brought me that I can hardly believe I am not dreaming. To think that in one lesson I could be taught to read, as the blind read, seems incredible ; yet I am reading every day and passing time in pleasure that formerly hung so heavy on my hands. Of course I owe you a debt of gratitude which I can only pay with thanks, and from the

The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society  
Free Circulating Library for the Blind.

Witnessed and found correct and true at Philadelphia this Twenty sixth day of January 1940.

<p>State of Pennsylvania, City and County of Philadelphia,</p>	<p>That we, <u>John H. Jones</u>, of the County of Philadelphia, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of Philadelphia, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original of the same, as the same appears from the records of the County of Philadelphia.</p>	<p>Witness my hand and seal of office this 10th day of June, 1901.</p>	<p>County of Philadelphia, Pa. Recorded in 1901, at 10.</p>
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bottom of my heart I thank you. If any doubting Thomas reads this and wishes to be convinced, let him call and see me and be convinced.

Yours respectfully, F. TALLENT.

Per J. M. Tallent.

The foregoing letter was written by me for my husband at his dictation. Of course, the facts are all within my knowledge and also are, of course, true. I join with my husband in returning you thanks for the great benefit you have been to him.

J. M. TALLENT.

Ilion, New York, March 1st, 1903.

JOHN P. RHOADS, ESQ., Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—Many thanks for price-list. My father is 81 years' old this month. A year or two ago, by means of a perforated board, with removable pegs, he learned the N Y point system perfectly, and we hoped he would take much comfort in reading, but he could not make any progress, and finally gave up trying. A few weeks ago Mrs. Fairchild, Librarian at Albany, sent him the Moon Alphabet and asked him to try and learn to read. She then sent "The Life and Reign of Queen Victoria." Father is doing well with it. Now I would like to send you \$3 and have you send the Gospel of John, the Epistle of Paul to the Romans, and a few tales and anecdotes, if they are printed in as large type as the Victoria book—smaller type would be of no use to him, they must all be in large type, so would rather leave it to your discretion.

Thanking you very much for the favor,

Yours truly,

E. NEALE.

14 Elm Street, Ilion, N. Y., Saturday, April 4, 1903.

MRS. SALOME CUTLER FAIRCHILD,

*State Librarian*, Albany, N. Y.

DEAR MRS. FAIRCHILD:—On Saturday morning last, the day preceding the completion of my 81st year of age, I found at my place on the breakfast table a LIBRARY OF TEN BOOKS, OF THE MOON TYPE SYSTEM. Three of them are DIVINELY STANDARD WORKS, VIZ: THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN, THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS, AND THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, and seven small books, with short stories in them. They were a birthday present from my two daughters and youngest son. They were a great and a very agreeable surprise to me—worth to me more than ten times their value in money. They could not have given me a more suitable present, for which I am thankful to them. And they must have cost more than a trifle.

In tracing back in the chain of circumstances there is another to whom I am indebted for this present, which is yourself; for had it not been for your urging me to try the MOON TYPE SYSTEM I should not have known what I do of the system, for which I sincerely thank you. And so we may trace all our blessings back to Him, who is the giver and bestower of every good and every perfect gift, with whom there is no variableness, not the shadow of turning, the same yesterday, to-day and forever. It was God who gave to Doctor Moon, in his affliction of blindness, the ability to invent an improved embossed type for himself and for his fellow afflicted ones.

Since I received my present, up to Thursday at noon I had read the Sermon on the Mount and one of the small books on "Sabbath Breaking." I have read to the 62d page of "The Life and Reign of Queen Victoria." I will return it Monday or Tuesday of next week, thanking you for the extension of time that you have granted me with it.

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN NEALE.

1904.

## STATEMENT OF TREASURER.

Balance in Treasury, January 27, 1903, . . . . .		\$36 80
<b>RECEIVED.</b>		
From Annual Subscribers, . . . . .	\$625 00	
From Direct Contributions, . . . . .	391 00	\$1,016 00
Due from Free Library 1/1/02, . . . . .	\$72 35	
Sale of books by Free Library in 1902, . . . . .	6 59	
Received from readers by Free Library in 1902, for postage, expressage, etc., . . . . .	39 09	
Return by Free Library of payment made by Treasurer on account of postage in 1902, . . . . .	25 00	
Books purchased by Free Library, . . . . .	4 10	
One-third entry charges on imported books, paid by Free Library, . . . . .	3 57	
Sale of books by Free Library in 1903, . . . . .	29 03	
Received from readers by Free Library in 1903 for postage, expressage, etc., . . . . .	39 08	
Proceeds of lecture by Mrs. Moon, . . . . .	12 00	230 81
		<u>\$1,246 81</u>
Total Receipts, . . . . .		\$1,283 61

<b>DISBURSED.</b>		
Male Teacher's salary and traveling expenses, postages, etc., by the hands of Dr. R. C. Moon, Secretary, . . . . .	\$548 57	
Entry charges on books imported September 26, 1902, . . . . .	10 70	
By Free Library for expressage, postage, etc., on books sent out in 1902, . . . . .	75 78	
By Free Library one-half expenses of Miss Neisser's trip to New York, . . . . .	10 19	
Contribution to Free Library on account of clerical services for 1902, . . . . .	100 00	
Books purchased in England from Moon Society, . . . . .	106 45	
Entry charges on books imported January 27, 1903, . . . . .	14 63	
Postages used by Treasurer, . . . . .	4 00	
Paid T. H. Grigg for making twelve writing boards, . . . . .	12 00	
By Free Library for expressage, postage, etc., on books sent out to readers in 1903, . . . . .	88 89	
Paid Ketterlinus Lithographic Manufacturing Company for printing 1903 reports, invitation cards, programmes, circulars, etc., . . . . .	161 00	
Total Disbursements, . . . . .		<u>\$1,132 21</u>
Balance, General Fund, January 20, 1904, . . . . .		\$151 40

### FEMALE TEACHER'S FUND.

<b>RECEIVED.</b>		
Contribution from Mr. George Vaux, . . . . .	\$25 00	
Contribution from Mr. D. T. Pratt, . . . . .	100 00	
Contribution from Mrs. Beulah M. Rhoads, . . . . .	100 00	\$225 00
<b>DISBURSED.</b>		
Paid Dr. R. C. Moon, Secretary, on account of lady teacher's salary and expenses, . . . . .	117 53	

Balance, Female Teacher's Fund, January 20, 1904, 107 47

### PUBLICATION ENDOWMENT FUND.

Contribution by Mr. John H. Converse, . . . . . 100 00

### ST. LOUIS EXHIBIT FUND.

Contribution by Rev. Alfred L. Elwyn, . . . . . 7 50

Balance in Treasury, January 20, 1904, \$366 37

I have audited above account and the same is properly vouched and found to be correct.

JNO. J. WILKINSON.

January 20, 1904.

# PETTY CASH ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY

FROM

JANUARY 27, 1903, TO JANUARY 20, 1904.

1903.

Jan. 27,	By Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, . . .	\$3 12	
Feb. 10,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	
" 19,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	To Postages, . . . . .
Mar. 3,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	25 00	\$65 00
" 16,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	
Apr. 1,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	5 98	
" 21,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	To Typewriting, . . . . .
May 4,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	26 37
" 4,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	10 45	
June 4,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	11 65	
" 27,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	Salaries of Visiting Teach- ers and their traveling
July 1,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	13 25	expenses, . . . . .
" 23,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	13 00	502 87
Sept. 14,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	
" 19,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	11 75	
Oct. 7,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	11 69	To Stationery and Binding, 11 00
Nov. 7,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	36 57	
" 7,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	13 43	
Dec. 10,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	To Sundries, . . . . .
" 10,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	13 33	43 20
1904.			
Jan. 5,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	37 00	
" 5,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	13 00	To Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, Jan. 20, 1904, 20 78
" 9,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	
		<u>\$669 22</u>	<u>\$669 22</u>

The undersigned has audited above account and finds it to be correct.

JNO. J. WILKINSON.

January 20, 1904.

# ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

1903		
Jan.	28, Rev. Alfred L. Elwyn, . . . . .	\$5 00
"	28, Mr. Harry Bamberger, . . . . .	5 00
"	28, Mrs. K. L. Brooks, . . . . .	2 00
"	30, Mr. Walter C. Louchheim, . . . . .	5 00
"	30, Miss Sarah Nicholson, . . . . .	5 00
"	31, Mrs. Washington Butcher, . . . . .	5 00
Feb.	2, Mr. John H. Converse, . . . . .	20 00
"	4, Miss Emily Dutilh in memory of Mrs. C. E. Frye, . . . .	10 00
"	16, Mr. B. Wasserman, . . . . .	5 00
"	16, Mr. Philip Arnold, . . . . .	5 00
"	16, Mr. Louis Wolf, . . . . .	5 00
"	17, Mr. Marx B. Loeb, . . . . .	5 00
"	19, Mr. R. H. Thomas, Jr., . . . . .	3 00
"	23, Miss Jane Jamison, . . . . .	2 00
"	24, Mr. Edward Stern, . . . . .	5 00
"	26, Mr. Samuel S. Fleisher, . . . . .	5 00
"	27, Mr. Samuel Snellenburg, . . . . .	10 00
"	27, Mr. Penrose Fleisher, . . . . .	5 00
Mar.	2, Mr. Ely K. Selig, . . . . .	5 00
"	4, Mr. H. LaBarre Jayne, . . . . .	10 00
"	9, Mr. Jacob Muhr, . . . . .	5 00
"	9, Mr. Moyer Fleisher, . . . . .	5 00
"	9, Rev. Thos. Houston, . . . . .	3 00
"	10, Mr. Samuel D. Lit, . . . . .	5 00
"	14, Mr. H. M. Nathanson, . . . . .	5 00
"	17, Miss Sarah Lewis, . . . . .	5 00
"	21, Mr. Simon Kirschbaum, . . . . .	5 00
"	30, Mr. Jacob T. Loeb, . . . . .	5 00
"	31, Mr. Louis Gerstley, . . . . .	5 00
April	1, Mr. Isidore Langsdorf, . . . . .	5 00
"	11, Mr. Otto Eisenlohr, . . . . .	5 00
"	13, Dr. Wm. C. Powell, . . . . .	10 00
"	17, Mr. Edward Wolf, . . . . .	5 00
May	11, Mr. Isaac Gimbel, . . . . .	5 00
"	29, Mr. W. A. Stern, . . . . .	5 00
June	1, Mr. Isaac H. Silverman, . . . . .	5 00
"	1, Mr. Horace Loeb, . . . . .	5 00
"	1, Mr. A. M. Langfeld, . . . . .	5 00
"	4, Dr. David D. Wood, . . . . .	2 00
"	15, Mr. Elliston P. Morris, . . . . .	10 00
July	10, Mr. Thomas Scattergood, . . . . .	5 00
"	15, Dr. R. C. Moon, . . . . .	5 00
"	15, Mrs. R. C. Moon, . . . . .	5 00
Oct.	26, Mr. Charles Smith, . . . . .	5 00
"	27, Mr. John J. Wilkinson, . . . . .	5 00
"	27, Mr. John Thomson, . . . . .	10 00

# ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS—Continued.

Nov.	10,	Mr. Charles G. Jessup, . . . . .	\$5 00
"	11,	Mrs. J. S. Biddle, . . . . .	2 00
Dec.	24,	Hon. Wm. N. Ashman, . . . . .	10 00
"	24,	Mr. H. LaBarre Jayne, . . . . .	10 00
"	24,	Mr. Wm. H. Richardson, . . . . .	5 00
1904			
Jan.	5,	Mrs. Louis E. Fagan, . . . . .	1 00
"	5,	Mrs. Sarah J. White, . . . . .	20 00
"	5,	Miss Sarah Nicholson, . . . . .	5 00
"	5,	Mr. D. Frank Greenewald, . . . . .	5 00
"	5,	Miss Catherine W. Morris, . . . . .	2 00
"	5,	Mr. Ellis D. Williams, . . . . .	5 00
"	6,	Mr. John E. Baird, . . . . .	50 00
"	5,	Mr. John P. Rhoads, . . . . .	5 00
"	6,	Miss Frances A. Roberts, . . . . .	10 00
"	6,	Mrs. M. B. Woodward, . . . . .	5 00
"	6,	Mr. Chas. D'Inwilliers, . . . . .	1 00
"	7,	Mrs. E. H. Taylor, . . . . .	2 00
"	7,	Miss F. Rosengarten, . . . . .	5 00
"	7,	Mr. Josiah Dives, . . . . .	10 00
"	8,	Mrs. Evan Roberts, . . . . .	5 00
"	11,	Mr. Ben. Gimbel, . . . . .	10 00
"	11,	Mr. J. G. Rosengarten, . . . . .	50 00
"	12,	Mr. Otto Eisenlohr, . . . . .	5 00
"	12,	Mrs. R. McGrath, . . . . .	1 00
"	12,	Mr. Walter C. Louchheim, . . . . .	5 00
"	12,	Mr. Herbert L. Clark, . . . . .	5 00
"	12,	Mr. T. Broom Belfield, . . . . .	10 00
"	12,	Mr. Thomas McKean, . . . . .	10 00
"	12,	Dr. F. B. Lippincott, . . . . .	5 00
"	12,	Mrs. E. W. Clark, . . . . .	5 00
"	12,	Mr. Elliston P. Morris, . . . . .	10 00
"	13,	Mrs. Kate L. Brooks, . . . . .	2 00
"	13,	Hon. J. Willis Martin, . . . . .	5 00
"	13,	Miss Mary E. Santee, . . . . .	10 00
"	13,	Mr. John H. Converse, . . . . .	25 00
"	16,	Mr. Felix Isman, . . . . .	5 00
"	18,	Mr. Frank Read, . . . . .	25 00
"	18,	Miss Emily H. Thomas, . . . . .	5 00
"	19,	Miss Jane Jamison, . . . . .	2 00
"	19,	"E. M. M.," . . . . .	5 00
			<hr/> \$625 00

# DIRECT CONTRIBUTORS.

1903.		
Jan.	28, Mrs. Elwyn, . . . . .	\$2 50
"	29, R. Marshal Harrison, D. D., . . . . .	5 00
"	30, Miss Sarah Nicholson, . . . . .	5 00
"	31, Mr. Charles A. Blakesley, . . . . .	50
"	31, Mr. Josiah Dives, . . . . .	10 00
"	31, Mr. Joseph G. Rosengarten, . . . . .	100 00
Feb.	2, Mr. Charles Platt, . . . . .	5 00
"	17, Mr. E. W. Clark, . . . . .	5 00
"	17, Mrs. E. W. Clark, . . . . .	5 00
"	17, Mrs. Louis E. Fagan, . . . . .	2 00
"	24, Mr. Albert Wolf, . . . . .	5 00
"	24, Mr. Sol. Selig, . . . . .	5 00
"	27, Mr. Jacob D. Lit, . . . . .	5 00
Mar.	2, Mrs. Mary B. C. Palmer, . . . . .	5 00
"	5, Mr. Joseph H. Rubin, . . . . .	5 00
"	6, Mr. B. W. Fleisher, . . . . .	5 00
"	9, Mrs. C. H. Skirving, . . . . .	1 00
"	9, Mr. Felix Isman, . . . . .	5 00
"	9, Miss E. R. Neisser, . . . . .	5 00
"	9, Mr. J. M. W. Geist, . . . . .	10 00
"	10, Anonymous, . . . . .	5 00
"	10, Miss Mary E. Santee, . . . . .	10 00
"	13, Mr. Simon B. Fleisher, . . . . .	5 00
"	13, E. M. M., . . . . .	5 00
"	16, Mrs. Bryant Ferguson, . . . . .	10 00
"	18, Mrs. Virginia Watson, . . . . .	5 00
April	28, "Iron" J. D. M., . . . . .	10 00
May	29, Mrs. Howard Butcher, . . . . .	2 00
July	6, Miss Carrie Beans, . . . . .	1 00
"	14, Miss Mary R. Pankman, . . . . .	5 00
Aug.	4, Mrs. George Woodward, . . . . .	15 00
Oct.	24, Miss Skirving, . . . . .	1 00
Nov.	6, Mr. William Wade, . . . . .	20 00
Dec.	16, Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, . . . . .	25 00
1904.		
Jan.	11, Mr. Israel Morris, . . . . .	5 00
"	12, Mr. George C. Thomas, . . . . .	25 00
"	13, Miss Mary E. Santee, . . . . .	10 00
"	13, Mr. John Story Jenks, . . . . .	10 00
"	14, Miss J. H. Stewart, . . . . .	5 00
"	14, G. S. W., . . . . .	5 00
"	16, Mr. William H. Lambert, . . . . .	10 00
"	16, Mr. Charles G. Cripps, . . . . .	2 00
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"	18, Mr. Harry G. Jungherr, . . . . .	1 00
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"	18, Member of Calvary Church, . . . . .	5 00
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WITNESS our hands and seals, at Philadelphia, the twenty-ninth day of January, A. D., 1901.

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
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Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, personally appeared William N. Ashman, John E. Baird and Dundas T. Pratt, three of the subscribers to the above and within certificate of incorporation, and in due form of law acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

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[SEAL]	ARCHER MCLEARN, <i>Notary Public.</i>
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## BY-LAWS.

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		JOHN H. CONVERSE, ESQ.

*Treasurer*—FRANK READ, ESQ.,

827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

THIS Society was founded in 1882, with the object of providing a library of embossed books in the Moon type, and sending teachers to the homes of the blind for the purpose of teaching them to read, and periodically exchanging their books. For sixteen years the work was most successfully carried on in Philadelphia, under the superintendence of Mr. John P. Rhoads, the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Bible Society; but in order to place it upon a more permanent basis, the Society was reorganized in 1898, and it is with much pleasure that the managers of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind announce, that the Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia have undertaken to co-operate with them, by taking charge of the library of embossed books belonging to this Society for the blind, as well as consenting to superintend the loaning of the books to the blind upon the Society's roll of readers, all expenses connected with the home teaching part of the work and the circulation of books outside of Philadelphia being borne by the Home Teaching Society.

The library of Embossed Works has been transferred to the Free Library, 1217-1221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, where the books are kept in a room especially set apart for the purposes of this work. The room is also open to the blind as a reading-room, and such persons are welcome to the free use of the library. Those who live in Philadelphia or its vicinity will be taught as heretofore, at their homes, without charge, by the visitors engaged by the Home Teaching Society for that special purpose.

Eighty per cent. of the blind are over twenty-one years of age, and many of them have lost their eye-sight from exhausting diseases, from accidents, or from causes which shatter the nervous system; so that, when they are learning to read, they should have as few obstacles as possible put in their way. For this reason the books adopted by this Society are in the easily-acquired embossed type of the late Dr. William Moon, of England, who, with his daughter, Miss Moon, visited Philadelphia in 1882, and advocated the adoption of the home teaching system for the adult blind. Dr. Moon, being himself blind, knew well the requirements of his fellow-sufferers, and his embossed books are especially adapted to the needs of those who have become blind since youth, or whose sense of touch has become blunted by laboring with the fingers.

In addition to its work in Philadelphia, this Society has loaned hundreds of volumes to blind persons who live at distant points, far away from the City, and has thus brought light and comfort to many a benighted dwelling.

Contributions to the funds of "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read, 827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Correspondence regarding the Society should be addressed to

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary*,  
Witherspoon Building,  
1319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS should henceforth be made to

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An embossed alphabet and a first lesson sheet will be forwarded upon application.

Books selected from the accompanying catalogue will be mailed to any part of the United States, to be returned in a month or sooner, and exchanged for others. The postage is one cent for two ounces. Postage stamps to cover this should be sent by persons using the Library. In cases of inability of the borrower to pay postage or expressing both ways, the Home Teaching Society will pay the outgoing cost of transportation, excepting on large volumes.

Friends of the blind are asked to send to the Secretary of the Society the names and addresses of any blind persons of whom they know, and they will be promptly visited by one of the teachers.

**CONTRIBUTORS ARE REQUESTED KINDLY TO FILL UP EITHER OR BOTH  
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Date

I herewith enclose my Annual Subscription of \_\_\_\_\_towards  
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## List of Books in Moon's Type for the Blind.

### BIBLE.

	Hf.-Bd.		Hf.-Bd.
Genesis, 2 vols., . . . . .	\$2.25	Jeremiah 3 vols., . . . . .	\$3.15
Exodus, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.27	Ezekiel, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.95
Leviticus, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87	Daniel, . . . . .	1.00
Numbers, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.35	Hosea to Obadiah, . . . . .	.85
Deuteronomy, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.05	Jonah to Malachi, . . . . .	1.10
Joshua, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Matthew, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.70
Judges, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Mark, . . . . .	1.07
1 Samuel, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.90	Luke, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87
2 Samuel, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.67	John, . . . . .	1.00
1 Kings, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87	Acts, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.65
2 Kings, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.82	Romans, . . . . .	.70
1 Chronicles, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.72	1 and 2 Corinthians, . . . . .	1.00
2 Chronicles, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.00	Galatians to Philemon, . . . . .	1.15
Ezra to Esther, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.90	Hebrews to Jude, . . . . .	1.10
Job, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.60	Revelation, . . . . .	.90
Psalms, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.85	Old Testament. Complete in 47	
Proverbs, . . . . .	1.20	vols., . . . . .	45-40
Ruth to Lamentations . . . . .	.92	New Testament. Complete in 13	
Isaiah, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.87	vols., . . . . .	12.27

### Chapters and Psalms.

1 Kings, chap. 18, . . . . .	\$0.16	John, chap. 6, . . . . .	\$0.17
2 Kings, chap. 4, . . . . .	.16	John, chap. 7, . . . . .	.12
2 Kings, chap. 5, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 8, . . . . .	.16
Psalms 20, 25, 90, 116 and 121, . . . . .	.16	John, chap. 9, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 32, 51, 130 and 143, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 10, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 34, 86 and 96, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 11, . . . . .	.15
Psalms 40, 42 and 84, . . . . .	.12	John, chap. 12, . . . . .	.12
Psalms 91, 139 and 147, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 13, . . . . .	.11
Psalms 119, . . . . .	.26	John, chap. 14, . . . . .	.12
Proverbs, chap. 8, . . . . .	.10	John, chap. 15, . . . . .	.11
Isaiah, chaps. 35 and 49, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 16, . . . . .	.12
Isaiah, chap. 40, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 17, . . . . .	.11
Isaiah 53, Psalms 23 and 125, . . . . .	.10	John, chap. 18, . . . . .	.12
Isaiah 55, Psalms 27 and 103, . . . . .	.13	John, chap. 19, . . . . .	.12
Sermon on the Mount, . . . . .	.25	John, chap. 20, . . . . .	.11
Mark, ch. 11 and 12 (smaller type), . . . . .	.15	John, chap. 21, . . . . .	.10
Luke, chap. 1, . . . . .	.17	Acts, chaps. 1 and 2, . . . . .	.18
Luke, chap. 2, . . . . .	.13	Acts, chap. 9, . . . . .	.12
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Luke, chap. 18, . . . . .	.12	1 Corinthians, chap. 15, . . . . .	.16
John, chap. 1, . . . . .	.17	2 Corinthians, chaps. 5 and 6, . . . . .	.12
John, chap. 2, . . . . .	.10	Hebrews, chaps. 11 and 12, . . . . .	.18
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IT has been the custom of this Society, from the time of its inauguration in 1882, to promote home teaching of the blind throughout the United States, and to respond to applications for embossed literature from the most distant parts of the Union, as readily as those from Philadelphia and its neighborhood. In accordance with this time-honored practice, the Board of Managers realized that the opportunity presented during the past year, at the World's Fair at St. Louis, to make home teaching for the blind more widely known than ever before on this continent, ought not to be neglected. The Exposition authorities cordially responded to the Society's request for space, and our exhibit of embossed books in the Moon type, as well as maps, diagrams and pictures in relief, designed by the late Dr. William Moon, of Brighton, England, was carefully prepared and dispatched to St. Louis in time for the opening of the Exposition.

During the months of September and October, one of the Society's blind teachers, Mr. James W. Moore, was present at the Exposition to explain the exhibit, and to answer the questions of inquiring visitors who had come from every State of the Union, from Hawaii, the Philippines, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, and many European countries. A large number of them, who had blind relatives and friends, eagerly sought for information about the reading, and carried away alphabets and specimen pages of reading, in the hope of being able, upon returning to their homes, to instruct the blind persons in whom they were interested.

It is most gratifying that the jurors of the Section, devoted to the education of the blind at the World's Fair, awarded a gold medal to this Society for its interesting and attractive exhibit.



The Exposition, which has now passed into history, was a universal institution of instruction, and the members of this Society may well feel pleased and satisfied with the success which has attended its exhibit at the World's Fair.

This special enterprise at St. Louis, the expense of which was, to a considerable extent, defrayed by special contributions for that purpose, has, however, not been allowed to interfere with the prosecution of the work in our own city and State.

The two teachers at present employed have had 117 new pupils under instruction during the year, and have paid 2843 visits to them and various other blind persons in private houses and public institutions, for the purpose of instructing them in reading and furnishing them with an exchange of books. When to these are added 71 names of persons who have been enrolled during 1904 at the Free Library of Philadelphia, the total number of new blind readers during the year is 188. After allowing for those who have died, there are 774 names upon the roll of blind readers. During 1904 no less than 5284 volumes of embossed books were issued from the Department for the blind in the Free Library of Philadelphia, 1954 of which were distributed by our teachers, and 1352 were sent out of the city to distant places in the United States, and even to blind persons in the Philippine Islands.

In the Report for 1903 of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the following reference is made to the 4819 embossed volumes issued during that year from its Department for the Blind, to readers, who are persons of all ages, using the five embossed types:—

“The distribution, according to types, has been as follows: Braille, 480 volumes; American Braille, 467 volumes; New York Point, 85 volumes; Line Letter, 159 volumes; Moon Type, 3628 volumes; total, 4819 volumes.

“The large preponderance of Moon type over the other types circulated, is due to the fact that the majority of the readers are those who have become blind in adult life. Many at this age are not readily able to master a point system, and for them the Moon system has proved a blessing.”

One of the memorable features of the year's progress has been the enactment by Congress of a law providing for free transportation through the mails of embossed reading matter, when loaned to the blind. The agitation for such free postage, which has been kept up for several years by this Society and many of the friends of the blind, has thus resulted in a concession, which will confer a boon upon 80,000 blind persons in the United States and its various possessions; and as this beneficent arrangement becomes more generally known, there will doubtless be an increased demand from distant places for embossed books from the Society's library.

The Board of Managers desires again to express its grateful appreciation of the continued hearty and harmonious co-operation of the Free Library of Philadelphia, which so efficiently conducts the distribution of the embossed books from the library. It is no uncommon thing to see, at one time, in the Department for the Blind, several large packages of books ready for mailing, and addressed to various towns in the State of Pennsylvania, as well as to places in distant States, such as Texas, California, Colorado, Georgia and Maine; and

also to Alaska. These represent a large amount of work in addition to the regular issuing of books to the blind of the city of Philadelphia. The latter is conducted by the Free Library without any charge, but the clerical and packing expenses connected with the forwarding of books beyond the boundaries of the city have to be met by this Society.

In addition to the contributions of the annual subscribers, the Managers thankfully acknowledge the receipt of \$500 from the estate of Hannah W. Gadsden, through the kindness of the executor, John B. Moffitt, Esq., and also of \$1000 from the estate of Hiram J. Brooke,



DR. WILLIAM MOON.

Inventor of Moon's Type for the Blind.

through the executor, The Fidelity Trust Company of Philadelphia. These contributions have greatly aided them in their efforts to extend the knowledge and usefulness of this beneficent work for the blind. To Mr. Frank Read, the Treasurer of this Society, they are also indebted for three complete copies of "Barriers Burned Away," which form a valuable addition to its library of embossed books in the Moon type. Whilst it is a cause for deep thankfulness that the efforts of this

Society, on behalf of the blind, have been so abundantly blessed, there are thousands of the blind, in Pennsylvania alone, who need to be sought out and taught to read. This is not only a philanthropic but an educational work, which is most worthy of aid from the State, and it is to be hoped that a generous appropriation toward its support may, ere long, be granted by the Legislature of Pennsylvania. The schools for the blind provide efficiently for those under twenty-one years of age, but hardly 500 are at the present time under instruction in the schools for the blind in Pennsylvania, whereas the total population of blind in the State is more than 6000. Of these, 82% are over twenty-one years of age, so that the adults, who are so greatly in the majority, could not enter the schools if they would; and it may well be supposed that but few would become inmates of them, if they could. The plan of home teaching is therefore a necessity for the adults, and employment could easily be found for a dozen more teachers, to search out and teach the blind of Pennsylvania alone.

This Society devotes its efforts, free of charge, to the blind of all classes, without distinction of age, sex, color, nationality, or religion. It is found that by means of the easily felt Moon type, a very large proportion of the blind can become good readers, notwithstanding that their sense of touch is oftentimes impaired, either from hardened fingers, or from diseases affecting the nervous system, which further make it impossible for them to decipher complicated characters, or commit a multitude of contractions to memory, as found in other embossed types.

The lot of the blind is indeed a sad one! Added to their affliction, oftentimes, is a dependence upon friends or relatives for support; and it is no uncommon experience that blind persons have literally to sit in darkness and solitude, with nothing to occupy them but their own thoughts.

But a change comes o'er the scene when the embossed type is handed to the blind ones by the home teacher, who comes with a word of cheer—

“Lighting up the darkness,  
Scattering the gloom.”

Despondency gives way to hope and joy soon follows, as they trace the simple embossed characters, and, after one or two lessons, are able once more to read for themselves.

To aid in such a work may well be deemed a privilege, for such a ministry is

“twice bless'd,  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.”

#### PUBLICATION FUND.

At the Annual Meeting of this Society, held in 1902, it was resolved that an effort should be made to raise a Publication Fund of \$100,000, the interest of which should be devoted to defraying the cost of stereo-typing new and interesting books in the Moon type for the blind. A larger number and a greater variety of books are much needed for our readers. They ask for more books of an entertaining, instructive character, such as their sighted friends enjoy; and to meet this demand, the Board of Managers hopes that fresh impetus may now be given to the efforts for raising the Publication Fund.

The Managers thankfully acknowledge the receipt of \$100 from Mr. John H. Converse and \$100 from Miss Phœbe Anna Thorne, and promises from Mr. Frank Read, Mr. John E. Baird, and Mr. Benedict Gimbel of contributions of \$100 each toward the Publication Fund.

Not long ago this Society contributed \$150 toward the cost of "John Halifax, Gentleman," which was stereotyped by the Moon Society for Embossing Books for the Blind, in Brighton, England, and the Managers earnestly hope that the proposed permanent fund may speedily be raised, so that the Society may be in a position to render further and larger assistance in increasing the literature for the blind. Our blind friends have pathetic claims upon our love and



MISS MOON.

Miss Moon is successor to her father, Dr. William Moon, in conducting his Work for the Blind, at Brighton, England.

sympathy, and such an effort as this on their behalf cannot fail to appeal to the generous impulses of a high-minded and enlightened community. Let us enrich and broaden their lives, by opening up for them fresh channels of communication through the writings of the greatest authors and brightest thinkers of this and every other age. Thus, the blind throughout the world will ultimately be benefited; and perchance some darkened souls may be so illumined with "celestial light," that, like the immortal poet, they will be privileged to

"see and tell  
Of things invisible to mortal sight."

ROBERT C. MOON, M.D., *Secretary.*



THE EXHIBIT OF  
THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY  
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FOR THE BLIND  
WHICH WAS AWARDED A GOLD MEDAL IN THE SECTION  
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ST. LOUIS, MO.

1904

ON THE SHELVES OF THE BOOKCASES ARE SEVERAL VOLUMES EMBOSSED IN  
THE MOON TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

THE CLOSED CABINETS CONTAIN SPECIMENS OF EMBOSSED MAPS, DIAGRAMS,  
PICTURES, PORTRAITS, ETC., MOUNTED IN SWINGING FRAMES

REPORT UPON THE EXHIBIT  
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By ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., *Secretary.*

IN accordance with a resolution passed by the Board of Managers of this Society at its last meeting, the male teacher, Mr. James W. Moore, on August 31st, started from Philadelphia to act as demonstrator of the exhibit, which had, earlier in the year, been prepared and forwarded to the World's Fair at St. Louis. I accompanied him, to see that he was properly installed and satisfactorily provided for during the eight weeks he was to spend at the Exposition.

We arrived in St. Louis, September 1st, in time to reach the Fair in the afternoon. We found our exhibit in the Palace of Education, respectably located in an alcove, with the exhibits of the Overbrook and Maryland Institutions for the blind on the one side, and those of the Missouri, New York and Boston Institutions on the other. The school-rooms, or large booths, in which blind children were going through their exercises, opened upon the main aisle, which passed the end of the alcove in which our exhibit was located. I soon sought out Mr. Alvin E. Pope, the Superintendent of the Section devoted to the blind and deaf. He gave us a warm reception, and directed us to the dormitory in which Mr. Moore was to be lodged during his stay. We were also provided with provisional passes for entering the World's Fair grounds. Mr. Moore could not receive his permanent pass until he had been photographed, for which a charge of two dollars was made.

During a long conversation with Mr. Pope, I was able fully to explain the character of the home-teaching work, and how it differed from the work of the schools for the blind. He saw at once that the embossed type we used could be felt by the blind of all ages, whilst the dotted types required very sensitive fingers for their decipherment. As soon as I reached the Education Building, on the following morning, Mr. Pope came to me and offered for the exhibit one of the school-rooms measuring 12 by 13 feet and opening upon the main aisle, if I could make use of it. I gladly accepted it, as it was in a very conspicuous location, and at once employed a signwriter to paint some

large placards representing the Moon alphabet and a line of reading. These were fastened across the back wall of the schoolroom, and our cabinets and photographic portraits were brought from the alcove and arranged, as shown in the photograph of the exhibit.

The number of persons who stopped to inspect the exhibit and listen to Mr. Moore's explanations and demonstrations of reading was, in the new location, much larger than it had been in the alcove; and hundreds, during each day that I was there, clustered around the booth to learn about the home-teaching work, and to carry away a copy of the circular, which, by direction of this Board, had been prepared for free distribution.

During my stay at the Fair, I endeavored to interest several influential persons in home teaching for the blind of St. Louis, and, on September 10th, I delivered, in the Lecture Hall of the Palace of Education, an address upon the subject of embossed types and home teaching for the blind.

Professor James M. Ball, a celebrated oculist of the city, who was present, asked me for my address, for the purpose of publishing it in the "Annals of Ophthalmology," of which he is the chief editor. As this important publication reaches oculists all over the world, the message I had the honor to deliver will thereby reach a far larger audience than that at the World's Fair. As Dr. Ball very properly remarked, oculists, in general, know too little of this means of ameliorating the condition of the blind, and he thought this was a fine opportunity for making them better acquainted with it.

The time of our arrival at the Fair could not have been more opportune, for, on the very day we transferred our exhibit to its new quarters, the Juries of Award assembled, to commence their inspection of the various exhibits, and it was my privilege to converse with each of those who constituted the Jury of Award for the special department devoted to the blind and deaf. I was introduced to them by Mr. Pope, and I lost no time in giving one of them—Professor Green, the Superintendent of the Missouri School for the Blind—a correct impression as to our work. I pointed out that our work in no way conflicted with the grand and efficient instruction which is given in the schools, but we dealt with the adults, whom they were unable to receive. He was most courteous, and fully realized that our work was the complement of the school work, and that we endeavored to do what they did not or could not do. The other jurors, one of whom was a Japanese, grasped the same thought immediately, and all of them made a careful examination of our exhibit, with its embossed books and the cabinets of mounted specimens kindly furnished by the Moon Society in England, which included embossed reading in 419 languages, as well as pictures, diagrams, astronomical and geographical maps in relief, as designed by the late Dr. William Moon, for the use of the blind. It was my good fortune to be present at the time the members of the jury made their first tour of inspection.

Mr. Pope kindly introduced me to Miss Mary E. Perry, a lady who is so prominently connected with philanthropic work in the city, that she is styled the "Helen Gould of St. Louis." I explained to her the character of our exhibit, and expressed a hope that it might be possible to form a Society in St. Louis similar to ours in Philadelphia. She at once manifested an interest in it, especially as one of her sisters,

Miss Laura Perry, has been blind for several years. Miss Perry communicated with Mr. Frederick M. Crunden, the Librarian of the Public Free Library of St. Louis, and arranged a time for us to meet, to discuss the question of his receiving and distributing the embossed books, which should be committed to his care by any organization which might be formed for home teaching of the blind. Mr. Crunden entered cordially into the plan, and said that he could promise, on behalf of his trustees, that the library work for the blind should be taken up in St. Louis as it was being conducted by his friend, Mr. John Thomson, in Philadelphia, who, by the way, had also kindly furnished me with an introduction to Mr. Crunden. I should also mention that I am greatly indebted to Professor Allen, of Overbrook, for a special introduction to Professor Green, of the St. Louis School for the Blind.

I remained in St. Louis twelve days, and left for Philadelphia on the night of September 12th, having had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Moore fully installed at the exhibit, and comfortably lodged and cared for in one of the dormitories within the World's Fair grounds. During the latter part of my stay I was, by the courtesy of Mr. Pope, also accommodated with lodging in the same dormitory.

Whilst I was at the Fair, the Illinois School for the Blind, at Jacksonville, was represented by several of its scholars, who occupied neighboring booths to our own. The scholars read from embossed books, wrote on typewriters, played on various musical instruments, and sang very sweetly. In a booth near to us, Lottie Sullivan, an interesting blind, deaf and dumb girl, was on exhibition. She was a pupil from the Colorado School for the Blind, and could read the dotted type, write letters on the typewriter, and sew with the sewing-machine. Mr. Moore readily taught her, and all the scholars from the Jacksonville School, to read by the Moon type; and Dr. Freeman, the Superintendent of that school, with whom I frequently conversed, asked many questions, and became deeply interested in our work. He expressed his determination to start a similar method of teaching the adult blind in his own city. He saw that our method, and the type we used, solved a problem about the adults and their reading which had puzzled him before.

I also had the pleasure of seeing and conversing with Miss Sarah A. Draper, the Director of the Musical Department of the Illinois School for the Blind.

After the pupils of that school had concluded their stay at the Fair, large numbers of the scholars of the Missouri School for the Blind, in charge of Miss Reese, Assistant Principal, took their places in the schoolrooms and gave interesting exhibitions illustrating the method of instruction pursued in that institution; and Mr. Moore was informed, before he left St. Louis, that all of them had learned to read the Moon type in a very short time, and were delighted with it.

It was fresh news to many, that the United States Congress had granted free postage for embossed books loaned to the blind. Indeed, this is the first opportunity we have had of announcing to this Board, that on the 2d of June the Postmaster General issued an order to all postmasters in reference to an act of Congress, passed April 27, 1904, which granted, under certain regulations, free transportation through the United States mails of embossed books, when loaned to blind



persons, from the public libraries or institutions. When this good news becomes more widely known, there is no doubt that the circulation of the books from our own library, in Philadelphia, will be largely increased.

Before I left St. Louis, the Jury of Award had completed its deliberations, and one of the jurors told me that we should have no reason to be disappointed when we heard of its decision in reference to our exhibit. I have learned since, that we have been awarded the Gold Medal, and that New York has been awarded the Silver Medal. This is no small honor, and New York is surprised at the award, as the first prize was awarded New York at the Paris Exposition of 1900. But, then, it must be borne in mind that at Paris, the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind was not represented by an exhibit!

It was my privilege to have a long and delightful interview with Miss Laura Perry, the blind lady to whom I have already referred. Notwithstanding her blindness, I found her a very gifted lady. She told me that she remembered, with gratitude, that soon after losing her eyesight, she learned the Moon type, and received embossed books from the Bible Society in Philadelphia. She warmly embraced the idea of trying to reach and teach the adult blind in St. Louis, and expected to enlist the co-operation of her intimate friend, Miss H——, the daughter of a Cabinet Minister at Washington. Since my return to Philadelphia I have learned that she proposes to undertake some home teaching on her own account. I may here mention that she is a sister-in-law of Governor Francis, the President of the Exposition, and I think, that under such auspices, with Professor Green as adviser and Mr. Crunden as librarian, there is a good prospect of the work making headway in the city of St. Louis.

Oftentimes during my stay at the Fair I lamented the fact, that our blind friends, who were present there to enlighten the world as to the means provided for ameliorating their own condition, could not themselves behold the wonderful scenes by which they were surrounded. It was a world in itself—a fairyland, a dream. Everything was on a stupendous and magnificent scale, and all the varied objects and structures were so well proportioned, that the colossal buildings harmonized with the most pleasing effect.

But whilst the scene was grand by day, it was bewitchingly enchanting at night, when every building and every statue became suddenly outlined by the faintest of lights, which gradually grew in strength and splendor, until the whole picture, from Festival Hall to the Plaza of St. Louis, was bathed in glorious light, issuing from hundreds of thousands of incandescent bulbs.

In conclusion, I think we have abundant cause to be gratified by the success which has attended the exhibit made on behalf of this Society at the World's Fair. Thousands of persons from every State and Territory of the Union; from Mexico, Canada, Australia, Japan, and many European countries have been, and still are being, thereby made acquainted with home teaching and embossed reading for the blind, of which they had neither seen nor heard anything before their visit to the Fair.

On October 17th Mr. Moore received a telegram from Boonville, Mo. It was addressed to him at our exhibit, in the Palace of Education, and read as follows:—

"You remember I was talking to you last Friday about my father who is blind. If we will pay all your expenses will you come here before you go East and teach him to read? Distance two hundred miles—time seven hours on Missouri, Kansas, Texas. You can take sleeper. Our expense. W. H. AMES."

As this telegram reached Mr. Moore at the beginning of "Helen Keller Week," and he was likely to find it the most fully occupied one of his visit, it was impossible for him, personally, to respond to the summons. He however sent on the necessary papers for the instruction of Mr. Ames's blind father. This is but one of the many instances of visitors to the Fair carrying home to their afflicted friends the glad tidings of an easily acquired type for the blind.

I cannot refrain from expressing my grateful appreciation of the uniform courtesy and kindness shown to your representatives by the officials of the Department of Education, especially from Dr. Howard J. Rogers, the Chief, and Mr. Pope, Superintendent of the Section devoted to the blind and the deaf.

Mr. Moore completed his stay of two months at the Fair on Friday, October 21st, and returned on Sunday last to resume his work in Philadelphia. At the World's Fair he has taught very many blind persons, and has given instruction to many sighted persons, so that, upon their return to their homes, they can teach their blind relatives and friends to read from the embossed papers with which they were provided. Many thousands of circulars, giving a condensed account of the work of this Society, with a copy of the embossed alphabet attached, have been distributed and carried away to enlighten people in far-distant homes, upon the subject of reading for the blind. Already several applications have come to us for embossed alphabets and first lessons, from persons who heard of the type for the first time through their friends who visited the World's Fair at St. Louis. And the end is not yet, for I fully believe the results will be farther reaching and much more lasting than we can possibly now imagine.



THE SOCIETY'S BLIND MALE TEACHER GIVING ONE OF HIS PUPILS A LESSON  
IN THE MOON TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

The blind pupil here represented is afflicted with spinal trouble, and  
is unable to walk, but she finds unfailing entertain-  
ment in reading the embossed books.

## TESTIMONIES OF THE BLIND.

The following are but a few of many interesting communications recently received from the blind :—

OFFICE OF  
LANCASTER COUNTY HOME AND INSANE ASYLUM.

LANCASTER, PA., January 1, 1905.

MR. JOHN THOMSON, Librarian, 1217-1221 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

DEAR SIR :—With much pleasure Mr. Fluchard and myself desire by this to express to yourself, the officials, and each member of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind, our heartfelt thanks and high appreciation of your kind and generous efforts of the past year to make cheerful the dreary hours of two lowly and humble ones as ourselves ; we also join in wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year. And we sincerely ask that in return the reward to each of you shall be God's richest and Heavenly blessings. We remain, dear sir,

Very sincerely yours in loving remembrance,

CHARLES H. GRAHAM,  
PHILIP FLUCHARD,  
County Hospital, Lancaster, Pa.

PENSAUKEN, N. J., January 11, 1905.

DEAR DR. MOON :—Per request of Mr. John Clift, my uncle, 621 N. Franklin, Philadelphia, I write the following, as per his dictation :—

"Since my sixty-third year, now three years past, I have been totally blind. Kind friends suggested that I learn to read by the raised alphabet. Dr. Moon promptly sent Mr. Moore, a most patient teacher, to instruct and assist me in the system, and I am overjoyed in being able to say that I can now read the finest print with but little trouble. Before this great help was brought to my attention, I was fearfully troubled with insomnia. Now, however, I have restful and peaceful slumbers. I have every reason to be most grateful for such a companion to assist in profitably spending my declining years. The best authors are now open to me. Science, religion, etc., are truly at my fingers' ends. Possibly none but the blind truly realize the awful reality of not being able longer to recognize the faces of dear ones and kind friends ; the loneliness of our position can be *felt*, but with the ability to read, and that reading of the very best, from the great Book, God's Word, followed by the writings of earth's scientific master-minds, I can bask in pleasant thoughts and reasonings. Truly it is dense darkness *without*, but, thank God, light within. With many, many thanks to you and your kind assistants and ever praying for your Society and welfare, I remain,

Very truly and respectfully,

JOHN J. CLIFT,  
621 N. Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.

Per  
The REV. EDWARD R. BAXTER,  
525 E. Park Ave.,  
Pensauken, N. J.

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# 1905. STATEMENT OF TREASURER.

Balance, General Fund, January 20, 1904 . . . . . \$151 40

## RECEIVED.

From Annual Subscriptions . . . . .	\$480 50	
From Direct Contributions . . . . .	290 13	
	\$770 63	
From Hannah W. Gadsden Estate . . . . .	500 00	
From Hiram J. Brooke Estate . . . . .	1000 00	
Books purchased by Free Library from England . . . . .	6 20	
From Free Library ¼ importation charges on books bought . . . . .	2 08	
From books sold to Pennsylvania Institute . . . . .	40 78	
From books sold by Free Library . . . . .	73 33	
From readers by Free Library for postage, expressage, etc. . . . .	20 44	\$2,422 46
Total Receipts . . . . .		\$2,573 86

## DISBURSED.

Male teacher's salary and traveling expenses, postages, etc., by the hands of Dr. R. C. Moon, Secretary . . . . .	\$550 00	
Books purchased Moon Society, Eng. . . . .	180 33	
Ketterlinus Lith. Mfg. Co., printing 1904 reports, programmes, circulars, invitation cards, etc. . . . .	200 65	
Contribution to Free Library on account of clerical services for the years 1903 and 1904 . . . . .	200 00	
Teacher's expenses to St. Louis Exhibition . . . . .	213 45	
T. J. Priestly, Jr. Co., printing labels, postals, etc., used by Free Library . . . . .	41 65	
J. L. Vandiver, entry charges on books imported . . . . .	20 65	
Advertisement in City Mission Directory . . . . .	5 00	
T. H. Grigg, writing boards . . . . .	12 00	
Postage used by Treasurer . . . . .	6 13	
By Free Library for expressage, postage, etc., on books sent to readers 1904 . . . . .	83 90	
Books bought from Bible House by F. L. P. . . . .	64 00	
Total Disbursements . . . . .		\$1,577 82
Balance, General Fund, January 17, 1905 . . . . .	\$996 04	
Balance, Publication Fund, January 17, 1905 . . . . .	233 50	
Balance, Female Teacher's Fund, January 17, 1905 . . . . .	113 12	
Balance in Treasury, January 17, 1905 . . . . .		\$1,342 66

## PUBLICATION FUND

Balance, January 20, 1904 . . . . . \$100 00

## RECEIVED.

1904	Contribution from	Miss Martha E. Howland . . . . .	\$5 00	
Feb. 11,	"	Mr. Thomas Elder . . . . .	5 00	
Feb. 11,	"	Miss Margaret Elder . . . . .	1 00	
Mch. 10,	"	Miss Phoebe Anna Thorne . . . . .	100 00	
1905				
Jan. 10,	"	Mr. Israel Morris . . . . .	5 00	
Jan. 10,	"	Mr. Chas. D'Invilliers . . . . .	1 00	
Jan. 11,	"	Miss Marie E. Santee . . . . .	10 00	
Jan. 14,	"	Mr. C. D. Ritchie . . . . .	5 00	
Jan. 17,	"	Miss Carrie B. Beans . . . . .	1 50	
		Balance, January 17, 1905 . . . . .		\$233 50

## FEMALE TEACHER'S FUND.

Balance, January 20, 1904 . . . . . \$107 47

## RECEIVED.

1904	Contribution, "B. M. R." . . . . .	\$50 00	
June 6,	"	Mrs. Beulah M. Rhoads . . . . .	25 00
Oct. 19,	"		
1905			
Jan. 11,	"	Mr. D. T. Pratt . . . . .	100 00
			\$175 00

## DISBURSED.

Paid Dr. Moon, Secretary, on account of lady teacher's salary, expenses, etc. . . . .	\$282 47	
Balance, January 17, 1905 . . . . .	\$169 35	
	\$113 12	

## ST. LOUIS EXHIBIT FUND.

Balance, January 20, 1904 . . . . . \$7 50

## RECEIVED.

1904	Contribution, Mr. Elliston P. Morris . . . . .	\$20 00	
Jan. 26,	"	Cash . . . . .	5 00
Mch. 24,	"	Mr. Frank Read . . . . .	25 00
Apr. 27,	"	Mr. D. T. Pratt . . . . .	25 00
Apr. 29,	"	Mr. John F. Baird . . . . .	25 00
May 2,	"		
			\$100 00
			\$107 50

## DISBURSED.

1904	Paid Geo. Malcomson, picture frames, lettering, boxing, etc. . . . .	\$20 25	
Apr. 29,	"	Iander & Taylor, mounting prints, lettering, etc. . . . .	17 70
Apr. 29,	"	Sabbague & Darbois, wall cabinets, installation, etc. . . . .	50 00
Apr. 29,	Balance paid Dr. Moon on account of expenses of teacher at Exhibition . . . . .	19 55	\$107 50
Aug. 24,			
	(\$213.45 in addition paid from General Fund.)		

The undersigned have audited the accounts of the Treasurer and find them to be correct.

January 18, 1905.

JNO. J. WILKINSON,  
ROBERT C. MOON, M.

# PETTY CASH ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY

FROM

JANUARY 20, 1904, TO JANUARY 18, 1905.

1904.

Jan. 20,	By Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, . .	\$20 78	
Feb. 2,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	50 00	To hire of Hall for Annual Meeting, . . . . . \$6 25
" 2,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	12 25	
" 24,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	50 00	
Mar. 10,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	16 25	To Postage and Express charges, . . . . . 75 59
" 23,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	50 00	
Apr. 5,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	17 64	
" 27,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	50 00	Salaries of Visiting Teach- ers and their Traveling Expenses, . . . . . 574 09
May 3,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	13 13	
" 25,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	
June 4,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	13 14	
" 29,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	50 00	To Typewriting, . . . . . 30 38
July 1,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	13 03	
" 23,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	50 00	
Aug. 2,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	12 85	To Stationery and Printing, 21 13
" 24,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	50 00	
" 30,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	13 00	To Photographs and Half- tones, . . . . . 21 65
Oct. 6,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	22 27	
" 5,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	50 00	
Nov. 22,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	To Sundries, . . . . . 8 14
" 22,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	22 64	
Dec. 9,	By Cash from Mr Frank Read,	13 15	
" 23,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	50 00	To Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, January 18, 1905, 2 90
		<u>\$740 13</u>	<u>\$740 13</u>

The undersigned has audited above account and finds it to be correct.

JNO. J. WILKINSON.

January 18, 1905.

# ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

1904			
Jan.	22,	Rev. R. Marshall Harrison, D. D., . . . . .	\$5 00
"	22,	Mr. C. A. Blakesley, . . . . .	50
"	22,	Mrs. Susan Y. Foulke, . . . . .	1 00
"	26,	Mrs. Adam Everly, . . . . .	1 00
"	27,	Mrs. Samuel Dickson, . . . . .	5 00
Feb.	4,	Mrs. M. E. Austin, . . . . .	2 00
"	18,	Mr. Charles G. Jessup, . . . . .	5 00
"	20,	Miss Sarah Lewis, . . . . .	5 00
"	20,	Mr. Louis Gerstley, . . . . .	5 00
"	20,	Mr. Samuel S. Fleisher, . . . . .	5 00
"	20,	Mr. Albert Wolf, . . . . .	5 00
"	20,	Mr. Edward Stern, . . . . .	5 00
"	20,	Mr. B. Wasserman, . . . . .	5 00
"	22,	Mr. Louis Wolf, . . . . .	5 00
"	23,	Mr. Samuel Snellenburg, . . . . .	10 00
Mar.	2,	Mr. H. M. Nathanson, . . . . .	5 00
"	4,	Mr. Moyer Fleisher, . . . . .	5 00
"	4,	Mr. Joseph H. Ruhin, . . . . .	5 00
"	8,	Mr. Charles Platt, . . . . .	5 00
"	12,	Dr. Wm. C. Powell, . . . . .	10 00
"	19,	Mr. H. L. Hall, . . . . .	10 00
"	24,	Mr. Edward Wolf, . . . . .	5 00
"	24,	Mr. R. H. Thomas, Jr., . . . . .	3 00
May	6,	Mr. Isaac Silverman, . . . . .	5 00
"	6,	Mr. Isidore Langsdorf, . . . . .	5 00
"	6,	Mrs. Beulah M. Rhoads, . . . . .	25 00
"	10,	Mr. W. A. Stern, . . . . .	5 00
"	16,	Mr. Isaac Gimbel, . . . . .	5 00
"	24,	Mr. Thomas Scattergood, . . . . .	5 00
"	24,	Rev. Alfred L. Elwyn, . . . . .	6 00
"	24,	Miss Emma R. Neisser, . . . . .	5 00
June	9,	Miss Emily Dutilh, in memory of Mrs. C. E. Frye, . . . . .	10 00
Oct.	28,	Mr. Charles R. Smith, . . . . .	5 00
Nov.	21,	Mr. Elliston P. Morris, . . . . .	10 00
Dec.	21,	Miss Skirving, in memory of Mrs. C. H. Skirving, . . . . .	2 00
1905			
Jan.	4,	Mr. John E. Baird, . . . . .	50 00
"	4,	Mrs. James S. Biddle, . . . . .	2 00
"	10,	Mr. John Story Jenks, . . . . .	10 00
"	10,	Hon. W. N. Ashman, . . . . .	10 00
"	10,	Mr. Wm. H. Richardson, . . . . .	5 00
"	10,	Mr. Albert Wolf, . . . . .	5 00
"	10,	Mrs. Kate L. Brooks, . . . . .	2 00
"	10,	Mr. Charles Platt, . . . . .	5 00
"	10,	Mr. Ellis D. Williams, . . . . .	5 00
"	11,	Mrs. Adam Everly, . . . . .	1 00
"	11,	Miss Jane Jamison, . . . . .	2 00
"	11,	Mr. T. Broom Belfield, . . . . .	10 00
"	11,	Miss Sarah Lewis, . . . . .	5 00
"	11,	Mr. Harry G. Jungherr, . . . . .	1 00
"	11,	Miss Marie E. Santee, . . . . .	10 00
"	13,	Miss Fanny Rosengarten, . . . . .	5 00
"	13,	Mr. Frank K. Hipple, . . . . .	5 00
"	13,	Mrs. Susan Y. Foulke, . . . . .	1 00
"	13,	Mrs. Samuel Dickson, . . . . .	5 00
"	13,	Mr. Felix Isman, . . . . .	5 00
"	13,	Miss Frances A. Roberts, . . . . .	10 00
"	14,	Mr. John H. Converse, . . . . .	25 00



1905		
Jan.	14,	Miss Catherine W. Morris, . . . . . \$2 00
"	14,	Mrs. E. H. Taylor, . . . . . 2 00
"	14,	Miss E. H. Thomas, . . . . . 5 00
"	14,	Mr. W. E. Stering, . . . . . 5 00
"	17,	Mr. Edward Stern, . . . . . 10 00
"	17,	Mr. George C. Thomas, . . . . . 25 00
"	17,	Mrs. Effingham B. Morris, . . . . . 5 00
"	17,	Mr. Gustav Daniel, . . . . . 5 00
"	17,	Miss Sarah Nicholson, . . . . . 10 00
"	17,	Mr. Daniel B. Wiegner, . . . . . 1 00
"	17,	Mr. Frank Read, . . . . . 25 00
"	17,	Dr. and Mrs. Moon, . . . . . 5 00
"	17,	Sarah A. Swain, . . . . . 1 00
		<hr/> \$480 50

# DIRECT CONTRIBUTORS.

1904		
Jan.	22,	Mrs. Augusta E. Justi, . . . . . \$1 00
"	22,	Mr. Charles Platt, . . . . . 5 00
"	22,	Miss Mary L. Govers, . . . . . 1 00
"	22,	Mr. Wm. W. Justice, . . . . . 5 00
"	22,	Mr. S. W. Colton, Jr., . . . . . 10 00
"	22,	Mr. Henry Jones, . . . . . 1 00
"	22,	Miss J. A. Cooper, . . . . . 1 00
"	26,	Mr. C. C. Savage, . . . . . 50 00
Feb.	2,	Mrs. W. Graham Tyler, . . . . . 2 00
"	2,	Miss Julia Kneedler, . . . . . 2 00
"	3,	Mr. Walter Sonneberg, . . . . . 1 00
"	11,	Mr. J. R. Wilson, . . . . . 1 00
"	23,	Cash, . . . . . 5 00
Mar.	19,	Mr. Jas. F. Murphy, . . . . . 1 00
"	19,	Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, . . . . . 30 00
April	4,	Miss Mary Bacon, . . . . . 1 00
May	24,	Mr. Ben Gimbel, . . . . . 15 00
"	31,	" B. F.," . . . . . 5 00
"	31,	Mr. W. K. Ramberger, . . . . . 5 00
June	13,	Young Friends' Ass'n George School, . . . . . 5 00
Sep.	15,	Cash, . . . . . 2 13
"	16,	Miss Anna Stewart, . . . . . 1 00
"	16,	Mrs. Timbrock, . . . . . 1 00
"	19,	Mrs. Campbell, . . . . . 15 00
"	25,	Mrs. L. D. Ames, . . . . . 3 00
Nov.	1,	Miss Rebecca Nicholson, . . . . . 5 00
"	22,	Mr. C. A. Longstreth, . . . . . 3 00
Dec.	24,	Mrs. R. McM. Colfelt, . . . . . 5 00
"	29,	Rev. Alfred L. Elwyn, . . . . . 1 00
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Jan.	10,	Mr. J. L. Ketterlinus, . . . . . 5 00
"	11,	Major Wm H. Lambert, . . . . . 10 00
"	11,	Mr. Wm. W. Justice, . . . . . 5 00
"	11,	Hon J Willis Martin, . . . . . 10 00
"	13,	Mr. E. P. Borden . . . . . 5 00
"	13,	Hon. I. P. Wanger, . . . . . 3 00
"	14,	Mr. C. C. Savage, . . . . . 50 00
"	14,	Dr. E. S. Sheldon, . . . . . 1 00
"	17,	Mr. Clarence Sill, . . . . . 1 50
"	17,	Mrs. Theodore H. Morris, . . . . . 5 00
"	17,	Mr. Jno. H. Atwood, . . . . . 10 00
"	17,	Miss Carrie B. Beans, . . . . . 1 50
		<hr/> \$290 13

CHARTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACH-  
ING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING  
LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

*To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, No. 1,  
for the County of Philadelphia :—*

The petition of the undersigned,

respectfully represents :

That they have associated themselves together for the purpose and upon the terms and by the name herein stated under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the twenty-ninth day of April, 1874, and the several supplements thereto, and that in accordance with the requirements of said Act they do set forth and declare that :

I. The name of the corporation is "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

II. The purpose for which the corporation is formed is the instruction of the blind in the art of reading by means of books printed in embossed or raised Moon type or other characters, at their homes and elsewhere, and to establish and operate by itself or through the medium of others a free circulating library, or libraries, of books printed in said type or other characters for the use of the blind.

III. The business of the corporation is to be transacted in the State of Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States, and its principal office is to be in the city of Philadelphia.

IV. The corporation shall exist perpetually.



DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND IN THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA.

V. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

VI. The names and residences of the subscribers, three of whom, at least, are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are as follows :—

WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Streets, Germantown.

ROBERT C. MOON, 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.

JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

VII. The business of the corporation shall be managed by a Board consisting of not less than twelve members of the corporation, as may be fixed by the By-Laws; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents (the number to be fixed by the By-Laws), a Treasurer, and a Secretary; and the two latter offices may be filled by one or two persons, as the corporation shall designate. The names and residences of the officers who have been chosen for the first year are as follows, viz. :—

*President :*

HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

*Vice-Presidents :*

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Streets, Germantown.

JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

FERDINAND J. DREER, 1520 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

*Secretary :*

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

*Treasurer :*

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.

### *Board of Managers :*

PROF. EDWARD ELLIS ALLEN, Overbrook, Pa.	MRS. BEULAH M. RHOADS, Haddonfield, N. J.
HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce Street, Philada.	JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Sts., Germantown.
JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 North Broad Street, Philada.	JOHN THOMSON, 2101 N. Camac Street, Philada.
REV. EDGAR COPE, 9th and Lehigh Avenue, Philada.	J. RODMAN PAUL, 903 Pine Street, Philada.
REV. ALFRED L. ELWYN, 1422 Walnut Street, Philada.	JOHN J. WILKINSON, 817 Wharton Street, Philada.
HENRY L. HALL, 3518 Lancaster Avenue, Philada.	MRS. KATHARINE GIBBS ALLEN, Overbrook, Pa.
REV. JAMES MORROW, D. D., 269 W. Harvey Street, Germantown.	MRS. MARY BUTCHER, 3905 Walnut Street, Philada.
ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philada.	MRS. LAURA WILLIAMS COLWELL, Weymouth, N. J.
DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philada.	MRS. FANNY HAZARD DICKSON, 901 Clinton Street, Philada.
FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.	MRS. MARGARET MORRIS MOON, 617 S. 48th Street, Philada.
WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, 3717 Lancaster Avenue, Philada.	MRS. SARAH S. MORRIS, 241 S. 21st Street, Philada.
MISS SARAH NICHOLSON, Haddonfield, N. J.	MRS. MARY D. FAGAN, 126 W. Penn St., Germantown, Phila.

VIII. Membership shall be open to all persons of lawful age and good moral character, who shall subscribe to the objects of the corporation and be elected by the Board of Managers by ballot ; a majority of the members voting shall be necessary to an election.

Members shall have the right and privilege of voting at elections for the Board of Managers and other officers of the corporation, and shall be qualified to vote thereat only in case they shall have paid the annual subscription fixed by the By-Laws.



## DECREE.

AND now to wit, this eighth day of March 1901, the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation having been on file in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court since the seventh day of February, 1901, the day on which publication of notice of intended application was first made, as appears by the Certificate thereon, and due proof of said application having been therewith presented to the Court, I do hereby certify that I have perused and examined said instrument and find the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class of corporations specified in Section 2 of the Act of April twenty-ninth, 1874, and that said purposes are lawful and not injurious to the community: It is therefore ORDERED AND DECREED that the said CHARTER be approved, and is hereby approved, and upon recording of the said Charter and its endorsements, and this Order in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Philadelphia County, it is now hereby ordered that the subscribers thereto and their associates shall thenceforth be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms and under the name therein stated.

CRAIG BIDDLE,

[SEAL]

*Judge.*

### FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath unto "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars.*

FORM OF DEVISE.

*I give, devise and bequeath unto "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," and its successors :*

(DESCRIBE REAL ESTATE.)



## BY-LAWS.

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1. The title of this Society shall be "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

2. The objects of the Society shall be: (1) To provide a teacher or teachers to find out and visit the blind at their homes. (2) To provide a free circulating library of embossed books in the Moon type for the blind, the volumes of which shall be exchanged by the teacher, or teachers, as often as necessary. (3) Volumes may be sent to blind readers at distant points, where there are no local libraries of such books.

3. The management of the Society shall be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Managers (of not less than twelve), to be elected annually at a general meeting of the members of the Society, which Board of Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies for the unexpired term.

4. Members of the Society may be elected at any stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and upon the payment of \$2 or upward shall be qualified to vote for officers.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the fourth Wednesday in January, to receive the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and Officers, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

6. The Board of Managers shall meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month (with the exception of June, July, August and September). Five members to constitute a quorum. Special Meetings may be called at the request of five members.

# THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

ESTABLISHED 1882. - REORGANIZED 1898  
INCORPORATED 1901.

*President*—HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN.

<i>Vice-Presidents</i> . . . .	{	DUNDAS T. PRATT, ESQ.
		JOHN P. RHODES, ESQ.
		JOHN E. BAIRD, ESQ.
		BENEDICT GIMBEL, ESQ.
		JOHN H. CONVERSE, ESQ.

*Treasurer*—FRANK READ, ESQ.,  
827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

THIS Society was founded in 1882, with the object of providing a library of embossed books in the Moon type, and sending teachers to the homes of the blind for the purpose of teaching them to read, and periodically exchanging their books. For sixteen years the work was most successfully carried on in Philadelphia, under the superintendence of Mr. John P. Rhoads, the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Bible Society; but in order to place it upon a more permanent basis, the Society was reorganized in 1898, and it is with much pleasure that the managers of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind announce, that the Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia have undertaken to co-operate with them, by taking charge of the library of embossed books belonging to this Society for the blind, as well as consenting to superintend the loaning of the books to the blind upon the Society's roll of readers, all expenses connected with the home teaching part of the work and the circulation of books outside of Philadelphia being borne by the Home Teaching Society.

The library of Embossed Works has been transferred to the Free Library, 1217-1221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, where the books are kept in a room especially set apart for the purposes of this work. The room is also open to the blind as a reading-room, and such persons are welcome to the free use of the library. Those who live in Philadelphia or its vicinity are taught at their homes, without charge, by the visitors engaged by the Home Teaching Society for that special purpose.

Eighty per cent. of the blind are over twenty-one years of age, and many of them have lost their eyesight from exhausting diseases, from accidents, or from causes which shatter the nervous system; so that, when they are learning to read, they should have as few obstacles as possible put in their way. For this reason the books adopted by this Society are in the easily acquired embossed type of the late Dr. William Moon, of England, who, with his daughter, Miss Moon, visited Philadelphia in 1882, and advocated the adoption of the home teaching system for the adult blind. Dr. Moon, being himself blind, knew well the requirements of his fellow-sufferers, and his embossed books are especially adapted to the needs of those who have

become blind since youth, or whose sense of touch has become blunted by laboring with the fingers.

In addition to its work in Philadelphia, this Society has loaned hundreds of volumes to blind persons who live at distant points, far away from the city, and has thus brought light and comfort to many a benighted dwelling.

Contributions to the funds of "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read, 827 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Correspondence regarding the Society should be addressed to

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary*,  
Witherspoon Building,  
1319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS should be made to

JOHN THOMSON,  
*Librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia*,  
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An embossed alphabet and a first lesson sheet will be forwarded upon application.

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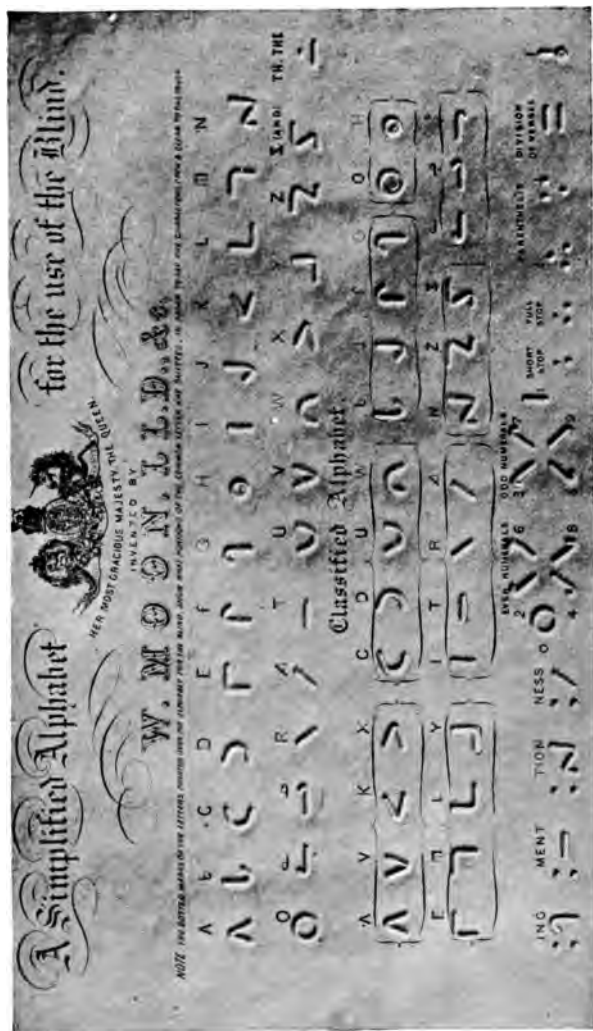
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF THE  
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READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE WITHERSPOON BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

JANUARY 18, 1906.

HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN IN THE CHAIR.

A REMARKABLE feature of the times is the general awakening of the public to the needs of the adult portion of the blind population. It is conceded that excellent opportunities for acquiring a good education are afforded the younger blind persons in the many splendid schools for their instruction scattered throughout the country, but no blind person over 21 years of age is eligible as an inmate of such institutions, and only 4500 are receiving instruction within their walls. This is a most excellent provision, so far as the blind children are concerned, but it is a most important fact to remember that 82% of the 80,000 blind of the United States are adults *over* 21 years of age.

This Home Teaching Society for the Blind was founded in 1882 with the object of searching out and teaching those blind persons to read, who were unable to gain admission into the schools, and through the efforts of its teachers, and the reading of the embossed books which have been loaned to them, light and gladness have come to many who were literally sitting alone in darkness and oftentimes in silence.

The Society makes no distinction as to the race or creed of its beneficiaries, and all contributions received go directly to defray expenses connected with its operations on their behalf.

It has been the pleasure of the Managers from year to year to report real progress in the good work, and they are happy to announce that more rapid advance has been made during the year just passed than in any previous year. This result has been greatly due to the continued support so kindly accorded them in carrying out the objects of the Society.

The Appropriations Committee at Harrisburg courteously received a deputation appointed to lay before it the needs of the Society for more money to provide teachers, and more books, and a sum of two thousand dollars was granted by the Legislature to the Society for the years 1905-1906. The Managers further acknowledge, in addition to the contributions of the

annual subscribers, the receipt of \$1007 from the estate of the late Richard De Silver, through the kindness of the Trustee, Franklin S. Edmonds, Esq., and also the sum of \$450 contributed by John H. Converse, Esq., to meet the expense of an additional teacher for one year.

The teachers, of whom there are now three, one male and two female, have been greatly blessed in their labors among the blind in their homes, and wherever they go, they are, as a rule, cordially welcomed. Mr. Moore and Miss Howland, two of the teachers, have continued to visit their older scholars, and when necessary, have furnished them with a regular exchange of books. They have also had 71 new pupils under instruction during the year, and have periodically visited the blind inmates of the various public institutions and homes of the city. Altogether they have made 2279 visits to the blind during 1905. Miss Howland now devotes four days in the week to the work, instead of two days as formerly.

The work assigned to the new teacher, Mrs. Kennedy, was the much needed one of systematically searching out every blind person of Philadelphia and its vicinity, who had not already been reached by this Society. From the time of her appointment in February until the close of the year 1905, she investigated 666 cases of blind persons recorded in the census return of 1900, or heard of from other sources. It was found that 68 had died since the census was taken; 92 were not known and could not be traced; 47 had removed to some other city; 89 were already readers of embossed type; 40 had had sight restored; more than 120 were probably incapacitated, physically or mentally, and the remaining 48 are under tuition. Several of those found out by this teacher have been referred to the other teachers for more prolonged instruction.

As above stated, a very large number of blind persons have been visited and their cases investigated, but the number of new pupils actually under the instruction of the teachers during the year has been 119. When to these are added 79 names of persons who have been enrolled during 1905 at the Free Library of Philadelphia, the total number of new blind readers during the year is 198. After allowing for those who have died, there are 962 names upon the roll of blind readers.

It is gratifying to report that the circulation of embossed books has continued to increase. During 1905 no less than 7145 volumes of embossed books were issued from the Department for the Blind in the Free Library of Philadelphia, 1965 of which were distributed by the teachers, and 3237 were sent out of the city to distant places in the United States, and even to blind persons in the Philippine Islands. Books have been supplied from the Department for the Blind to readers of all ages, using the five embossed types:

The distribution during 1905, according to types, has been as follows: Braille, 416 volumes; American Braille, 882 volumes; New York Point, 236 volumes; Line Letter, 153 volumes; Moon Type, 5458 volumes; total, 7145 volumes.

One great stimulus to the circulation of the books has been the concession of free postage of books loaned to the blind, which was granted by Congress in 1904. The consequent rapid increase in circulation has necessitated the purchase of more copies of embossed books for the library, and this, we

are thankful to say, has, to some extent, been made possible by the State appropriation which was granted so opportunely.

This work is progressing with rapid strides, for hardly a day passes that applications are not received for information about the Society and its library.

From time to time interesting articles upon the subject appear in the newspapers in various parts of the country, and the Managers desire again to express their thanks for the kindly interest which the Public Press has



**DR. WILLIAM MOON.**

Inventor of Moon's Type for the Blind.

manifested in the Society's work. By such and various other means, the good cause is being promoted, and we are sanguine in the belief that we are on the eve of a still larger development of the plan of Home Teaching among the blind, as well as the affiliated co-operation of Public Libraries, in providing Departments for the Blind, by which the circulation of the books can be facilitated.



From the time this Society was reorganized in 1898, it has enjoyed the hearty co-operation of the Trustees and the Librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia, and a Department for the Blind was then formed in the Free Library, from which this Society's Library has ever since been most efficiently operated, no charge being made for the distribution of the books within the city limits, but this Society has, of course, to pay for clerical and other expenses connected with the sending of books to blind persons out of the city and at a distance.

For such valuable assistance the Board of Managers desires again to express its appreciation and thanks, and it is to be hoped that the librarians of other public libraries will be impressed with the importance of also having a "Department for the Blind" wherever it is possible.

The work of the Free Library in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind was the subject of a paper read by Dr. Robert C. Moon, the Secretary of this Society, before the members attending the Bi-State Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Library Club and the New Jersey Library Association, at Atlantic City, in April last. A copy of the address, which was entitled "Books and Libraries for the Blind," appeared in the *Library Journal*, and copies of it have been separately printed by the Home Teaching Society for general circulation.

It is with peculiar gratification and pleasure that the Board of Managers refers to the perfectly harmonious co-operation with the authorities of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind at Overbrook, which this Society has continued to enjoy. Prof. E. E. Allen, the Principal of that Institution, and also a member of this Board, has in various ways helped to promote the work of this Society.

With deep regret the Managers announce the deaths of Dundas T. Pratt, and John P. Rhoads, two of the Vice Presidents of this Society, and also of H. L. Hall, one of the members of the Board. All of these gentlemen took an active interest in the work of the Society, and in their decease it has sustained a severe loss. Mr. John P. Rhoads was the original promoter of the Home Teaching Work for the blind in Philadelphia, when Dr. William Moon and his daughter, Miss Moon, of England, introduced the plan to his notice in 1882. For sixteen years he labored single-handed and with remarkable success in the cause, and when the Society was reorganized in 1898, he became one of its Vice Presidents, and retained that connection with the Society until his decease, in September, 1905.

The Board of Managers have had much pleasure in electing John Thomson, Esq., a Vice President of the Society. For many years Mr. Thomson has rendered the Society most valuable assistance, both as Librarian of the Free Library and as a member of this Board.

The Diploma of the award of the Gold Medal to this Society for its interesting exhibit of embossed books, etc., at the World's Fair, St. Louis, in 1904, has been received; the medal itself will doubtless be forwarded to us as soon as it is prepared. The value of that exhibit to the great mass of the adult blind cannot be over-estimated, as the existence of the MOON type, which could be easily learned by those advanced in years, was thereby brought to the knowledge of thousands who were previously in total

ignorance of this means of teaching the blind to read, as well as of the existence of such a Society and Free Circulating Library as our own. The information thus obtained was scattered over the United States and carried to far distant parts of the earth.

A blind lady in San José, California, recently wrote for information about our Society and its library. She stated that, having exhausted her stock of reading material, she had a short time before borrowed some books embossed in the Moon type from the State Library of California at Sacramento, and to her surprise, when she began to feel the type, she recognized it as an old



#### MISS MOON.

Miss Moon is successor to her father, Dr. William Moon, in conducting his Work for the Blind, at Brighton, England.

friend which she had not met with since she learned to read it in Germany many years ago. She was born in San Francisco, and belonged to a distinguished German family. She had received her early education in Germany and there had read through one small book printed in the Moon type, but she knew not the name of it, and was not aware that there were any more books to be had in that type. Having read all the books in the Moon type within her reach in California, she wrote to us for a catalogue and desired to be enrolled as one of our readers. She is now receiving books through the mail from our library in Philadelphia.

There is, however, in this case, a most interesting connection with the time when Dr. William Moon, of Brighton, England, prepared some German books in his type for the blind, and with his son visited Germany and Holland, for the purpose of introducing them to the notice of instructors and friends of the blind in those countries. Our lady friend in California just alluded to, met with one of these books in Germany, but she was to recross two continents and an ocean before she was to meet again with her long-lost friend of forty years ago. This surely should encourage us to cast our bread upon the waters, although it may be left to another generation to behold the fruits of our efforts.

### PUBLICATION FUND.

It is remarkable how the taste for reading has been rapidly cultivated among the adult blind who have learned to read the Moon type, and some are so eager for knowledge, pastime and entertainment, that they will visit or write to the library every few days for an exchange of books. One of our readers told Mr. Moore last summer that he was staying at home in Philadelphia with his books in preference to taking a trip to the seashore. Another wrote us a few weeks ago from Pittsford, N. Y., "Volume 20 of History of England was duly received, and will be returned by the time I get Vol. 21, which please forward at your earliest convenience. \* \* \* I read everything twice; to myself during the day time as I can, and to Mrs. W. in the evening. This fills up so much of the time which went to waste before I had the privilege of this library, that I am lost without it. No language can adequately express the sincere pleasure this affords me."

Another blind man writes: "Thanks to your excellent library, I can dispel the gloom of my *own* thoughts with the brighter and more exalted thoughts of others, and in the pages of history, travel or romance, forget, for the time at least, that I am blind."

An old gentleman of 80, who has recently learned the Moon type, said, "I have read the Sermon on the Mount many times in my life, but never has it brought to me so much comfort and cheer as it has since I became blind and spelled it out letter by letter in the Moon type."

It can be readily imagined that our readers will soon exhaust the literature already available, and they beg for more books of an interesting character, works of travel, science, biography and good, wholesome fiction, such as their sighted friends enjoy. A step in the right direction has been made possible by a contribution of \$100 kindly contributed by Mr. R. P. High, one of our readers at McEwensville, Pa., to cover the initial expenses connected with issuing a monthly magazine for the blind in the Moon type, and the first number of this interesting magazine appeared on January 1st of this year (1906) from the press of the Moon Society for the Blind in Brighton, England. This Home Teaching Society has subscribed for a number of copies of the Magazine for the use of readers, and some kind friends have subscribed for copies to be sent as presents to blind persons in whom they are interested, a form of gift which has proved most acceptable, and has

afforded unspeakable pleasure. It may be well to state that any person wishing to aid in increasing the literature in the Moon type for the blind can have stereotyped any worthy work which may be selected by paying 75 cents per page, which is one-half the cost of stereotyping—the other half of the cost being met by the Moon Society in England, which prepares the books. Estimates of cost can readily be procured. It is an interesting fact



ONE OF THE SOCIETY'S BLIND TEACHERS GIVING A LESSON IN THE MOON TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

that shortly before his death, the late Hon. John Hay thus paid for the stereotyping of his eulogy of the late President McKinley, which he pronounced before the Senate at Washington. Quite recently a friend in Philadelphia has kindly undertaken, in a similar way, to defray the cost of stereotyping in this type "The Call of the Wild," a thrilling story of dog life, and also "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," both of which books will be interesting additions to the library for the blind. John F. Maher, Esq., has also contributed a sum for the production of some entertaining book.

Such individual efforts are greatly appreciated, but the necessity for making an earnest and effectual concerted effort to raise the Publication Fund of \$100,000, which was started three years ago, becomes more and more apparent. From the proceeds of such a fund it will be possible to provide for the production of several new books of wide scope and varied interest. The Board of Managers realizes that the time has come when this Fund should, if possible, be raised, and the good work of helping in the publication of new works be begun in a regular, systematic manner. Such a benefaction would be a perpetual joy to our blind friends. Let us do all we can to help the blind, for, as a rule, they are an uncomplaining people, and not a few

“With thankful love are filled  
If but one streak of light,  
One ray of God's good mercy, gild  
The darkness of their night.”

Rich and encouraging results have been already vouchsafed us, but let us not relax our efforts for the thousands who still are needing our help. May we realize that we have

“New courage, new hope and new strength,”

for the task of bringing the great joy of reading within the reach of all the blind, thus making for them

“The heavy burden lighter,  
And the dawn immortal brighter,  
Every year.”

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., *Secretary.*

## TESTIMONIES OF THE BLIND.

The following are but a few of many interesting communications recently received from and about the blind :—

WEST HARWICH, MASS., January 24, 1906.

MR. THOMSON,

DEAR SIR :—I wish to send my thanks for your kind attention to me in sending the interesting books that you do. I received this week the volumes of "To Right the Wrong." I have read the whole story and found it very interesting. I have read "John Halifax," and found that as good. I always find such reading profitable.

How much gratitude I think we Blind owe to the name of Dr. W. Moon for his easy system of embossed letters. May he never be forgotten from generation to generation. I think God's helping hand was in it.

I will return the book. I would like to read "Egypt" or "Natural History." How many pleasant hours the Blind have enjoyed reading the books you have sent them.

(Signed) ABBIE SMALL.

P. S.—I like to read about foreign places and doings. I have read "Queen Victoria," "Christopher Columbus," "A. Lincoln," "Benjamin Franklin," "George Washington." If there is another story as sound reading as "To Right the Wrong," send it.

I like very religious books and have some by me which you have sent me. Were all new to me and good.

I am an invalid and they comfort me.

GILLETTS, BRAD. CO., PENNA., R. F. D. 58, March 12, 1906.

MR. JOHN THOMSON,

DEAR SIR :—I return to you by this mail the book loaned to my cousin, Mr. William Coke.

Mr. Coke learned to read the Moon type with but little of my help, but his sister had to have his help to read the book. They both enjoy it so much and we enjoy watching them reading together. Mr. Coke reading the book with his right hand and then spelling it to his sister in the deafmute alphabet with his left hand.

It is a great comfort to them to be able to read for themselves having before had to depend on others to read for them and their having been deafmutes also, it is few people could read to them.

Would like you to loan him next "Daily Prayers and Promises from the Holy Scriptures." Miss Ella Coke would like Isaiah 53, Psalms 23, and 125.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) MRS. CHARLES FRENCH.

October 5, 1905.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :—

Mrs. Edwards of 1922 Jefferson street asked me if I would not write and thank the parties who so kindly sent an instructor to teach her how to read in the raised type used by the blind. I do it most gladly and I want to say that Mrs. Edwards is delighted to think that she can read passages for herself from God's own precious Word, also the books you so kindly send her from time to time. If you could have seen the expression of her face and heard her joyful tones, as I did, the first time she was able to read for herself you would have been richly repaid.

Again thanking you and wishing you all success in the good work you are carrying on, am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) ANNA S. BROSIUS,  
2423 Master Street.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, March 1st, 1906.

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D.,

DEAR SIR :—Will you kindly send me several copies of the Moon alphabet and first lessons for the blind, as I shall be able at once to dispose of them.

Last spring I sent the system to a friend in Maine, now over ninety years of age, who has learned to read it and has already had many books from the library for the blind. He in turn sent the first lessons to a friend in the country, who learned to read, and his friends write me that he has read seventeen books since summer.

Another poor man who has lived in the country in Maine from childhood and who has been blind for about forty years, has learned to read. And they all rejoice and are so grateful.

It is such a marvel and revelation to me, that I must look up the blind here in Los Angeles who are not eligible to blind schools, and see that they learn to read.

As I have disposed of all my samples, I must wait for more to come.

Sincerely,

(Signed) MARY L. HART,  
720 Beacon Street.

CAMDEN, February 12, 1906.

MR. JOHN THOMSON,

DEAR SIR :—As one of the Board of Managers of the M. E. Home at Collingswood, I desire to return thanks to you for your kindness to our dear Friend Mrs. Harmer, who left us a few weeks ago for her Heavenly Home. So we shall not need your books for her any more. We all felt very sorry for her when she lost her sight, for she was so fond of reading, but when through your kindness she was taught to read your books, we rejoiced with her, for she passed many happy hours reading the Word of God.

God bless you in your ministering pleasure to the Blind.

(Signed) MRS. S. E. PHILLIPS,  
512 Clinton Street.

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Balance, General Fund, January 17, 1905, . . . . . \$996 04

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From Annual Subscriptions, . . . . .	\$278 00	
From Direct Donations, . . . . .	242 10	
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From Estate Robert P. DeSilver, and interest, . . . . .	1007 00	
Contribution from Mr. John H. Converse for employment of extra teacher for one year, . . . . .	450 00	
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From John F. Maher, Esq., toward publishing an interesting story, . . . . .	15 00	
Books sold to Free Library, Philadelphia, . . . . .	9 45	
Books sold to readers in 1905 by Free Library, . . . . .	54 06	
From readers by Free Library for postage, expressage, etc., in 1905, . . . . .	6 36	
Total Receipts, . . . . .	\$2512 22	
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Male teacher's salary and traveling expenses, postage, etc., by the hands of Dr. R. C. Moon, Secretary, . . . . .	\$1100 15	
Books purchased from Moon Society, England, . . . . .	210 81	
Ketterlinus Lith. Mfg. Co., printing 1905 reports, programmes, circulars, invitation cards, etc., . . . . .	249 81	
Moon Society, Eng., contribution by Mr. R. P. High, a/c publishing magazine, . . . . .	98 70	
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J. L. Vandiver, entry charges on books imported, . . . . .	26 81	
Rent of Hall for Annual Meeting, . . . . .	18 00	
Publisher's Weekly, printing 1000 reprints, . . . . .	14 25	
Labels and wrapping paper used by Free Library, . . . . .	19 70	
Postage and stationery used by Treasurer, . . . . .	9 20	
Expenses Dr. R. C. Moon, Secretary to Librarian's Congress, Atlantic City, N. J., . . . . .	11 50	
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By Free Library for expressage, postage, etc., on books sent readers in 1905, . . . . .	51 37	
Total Disbursements, . . . . .	\$1979 30	
Balance, General Fund, December 31, 1905, . . . . .	\$1528 96	
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## RECEIVED.

1905		
Jan. 20, Mr. J. G. Rosengarten, . . . . .	\$100 00	
Jan. 20, Mr. R. P. High, . . . . .	2 50	
Jan. 20, Mrs. Margaret Pechin, . . . . .	5 00	
May 22, Dr. W. W. Githens, . . . . .	5 00	112 50
Balance, December 31, 1905, . . . . .		\$346 00

## FEMALE TEACHER'S FUND.

Balance, January 17, 1905, . . . . . \$113 12

## RECEIVED.

1905		
Sept. 14, Mrs. Beulah M. Rhoads, . . . . .	\$100 00	100 00
		\$213 12

## DISBURSED.

Lady teacher's salary, expenses, etc., paid by hands of Dr. R. C. Moon, Secretary, . . . . .	\$161 74
Balance, December 31, 1905, . . . . .	\$51 38

The above accounts audited this day and found correct.

January 9, 1906.

JNO. J. WILKINSON,  
ROBERT C. MOON, M. D.



# PETTY CASH ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY

FROM

JANUARY 18 TO DECEMBER 31, 1905.

1905.

Jan. 18, By Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, . . . . .	\$2 90	
" 21, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 12 91		
" 21, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 50 00		To Postage, Express Charges and Telegram, . . . . . \$76 62
Feb. 23, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 75 00		
" 23, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 13 01		
Mar. 17, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 13 21		
" 17, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 80 00		To Salaries of Visiting Teachers, and their Traveling Expenses, . 1,066 67
Apr. 11, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 13 32		
" 18, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 35 00		
" 29, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 90 00		
" 29, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 13 01		To Typewriting, . . . . . 41 93
May 18, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 35 00		
" 24, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 50 00		
June 15, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 38 88		
" 15, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 160 00		To Stationery and Printing, . . . 16 00
Aug. 10, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 13 50		
" 10, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 50 00		
" 31, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 50 00		
Sept. 16, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 35 00		To Photographs and Half-tone Engraving, . . . . . 2 73
" 28, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 50 00		
" 28, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 79 30		
Oct. 5, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 12 10		
" 23, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 100 00		To Sundries, . . . . . 24 50
Nov. 2, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 12 97		
Dec. 2, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 80 85		
" 8, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 18 83		
" 21, By Cash from Mr Frank Read, 80 00		To Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, December 31, 1905, . . . . . 36 34
	\$1,264 79	\$1,264 79

Audited this day and found correct.

January 9, 1906.

JNO. J. WILKINSON.



ONE OF THE SOCIETY'S BLIND TEACHERS GIVING A LESSON  
IN THE MOON TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

The blind pupil here represented is afflicted with spinal trouble, and is unable to walk, but she finds unfailing entertainment in reading the embossed books.

## DIRECT CONTRIBUTORS.

1905			
Jan.	20,	Miss E. C. Egner, . . . . .	\$1 00
"	20,	Mr. J. Milton Colton, . . . . .	10 00
"	20,	Mr. and Mrs. John Sheets, . . . . .	2 00
"	20,	Mrs. J. H. Brazier, . . . . .	5 00
"	20,	Mr. R. P. High, . . . . .	2 50
"	20,	Mr. Wm. G. Huey, . . . . .	25 00
"	20,	Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, . . . . .	25 00
"	24,	Mr. N. Snellenberg, . . . . .	10 00
"	24,	Mrs. Evan Randolph, . . . . .	5 00
"	25,	Mr. Herbert L. Clark, . . . . .	5 00
"	31,	Miss Julia Kneedler, . . . . .	2 00
Feb.	3,	Mrs. James Spear, . . . . .	20 00
"	4,	Miss Georgia Harlan, . . . . .	5 00
"	4,	Mr. William J. Dawson, . . . . .	2 00
"	10,	Mr. George Vaux, . . . . .	10 00
"	10,	Mr. Walter Sonneberg, . . . . .	2 00
"	13,	Mrs. W. Graham Tyler, . . . . .	5 00
"	23,	Rev. Alfred L. Elwyn, . . . . .	1 00
"	23,	Mr. Paul Philip, . . . . .	2 00
Mar.	10,	Mr. Sol Selig, . . . . .	5 00
"	11,	Member, Calvary Church, Germantown, . . . . .	5 50
"	13,	Mr. Samuel D. Lit, . . . . .	5 00
"	15,	Mrs. Charles H. Dunning, . . . . .	5 00
"	15,	Dr. and Mrs. Vinton, . . . . .	5 00
"	15,	Miss Elizabeth Caskey, . . . . .	5 00
"	16,	Mr. Jos. Rubin, . . . . .	5 00
"	23,	Mrs. M. B. Woodward, . . . . .	5 00
April	13,	Miss Anna E. Peale, . . . . .	5 00
"	24,	Miss Mary Bacon, . . . . .	1 00
"	26,	Mr. John H. Atwood, . . . . .	10 00
May	9,	Mr. W. K. Ramberger, . . . . .	5 00
Aug.	30,	Miss Mary R. Pankman, . . . . .	5 00
"	30,	Miss Carrie B. Beans, . . . . .	1 10
Sept.	21,	Mrs. George Woodward, . . . . .	15 00
Nov.	3,	Mr. W. H. Ames, . . . . .	5 00
"	29,	"A Friend" L. W. E., . . . . .	5 00
Dec.	2,	Mr. Henry LaBarre Jayne, . . . . .	10 00
Total,			\$242 10

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

1905			
Jan.	20,	Mrs. E. Austin, . . . . .	\$2 00
"	20,	Mr. Isaac Katzenberg, . . . . .	5 00
"	31,	Mr. Samuel L. Fox, . . . . .	2 00
Feb.	4,	Mrs. Mary T. Clark, . . . . .	5 00

Feb.	16,	Mr. Thomas Elder, . . . . .	\$2 00
"	16,	Mr. Henry Jones, . . . . .	1 00
"	16,	Mr. John J. Wilkinson, . . . . .	5 00
"	21,	Mrs. Evan Randolph, . . . . .	5 00
"	21,	Mr. John P. Rhoads, . . . . .	5 00
"	23,	Mr. R. H. Thomas, Jr., . . . . .	3 00
"	23,	Mr. Josiah Dives, . . . . .	20 00
"	24,	Mrs. Thomas B. Morris, . . . . .	20 00
"	28,	Mr. Morris Pfaelzer . . . . .	5 00
Mar.	7,	Mr. Samuel Snellenberg, . . . . .	10 00
"	7,	Mr. Charles G. Jessup, . . . . .	5 00
"	7,	Miss Dutilh, in Memory of Mrs. C. E. Frye, . . . . .	5 00
"	7,	"H. S." per Miss Dutilh, . . . . .	5 00
"	11,	Miss M. L. Govers, . . . . .	1 00
"	11,	Mr. Charles F. Cripps . . . . .	5 00
"	11,	Mr. Walter Louchheim, . . . . .	5 00
"	11,	Mr. B. J. Wasserman, . . . . .	5 00
"	11,	Mr. Louis Gerstley, . . . . .	5 00
"	14,	"E. M. M.," . . . . .	5 00
"	14,	Mr. Louis Wolf, . . . . .	5 00
"	14,	Mrs. Louis E. Fagan, . . . . .	1 00
"	15,	Mr. James F. Murphy, . . . . .	1 00
"	17,	Mr. Samuel S. Fleisher, . . . . .	5 00
"	18,	Mr. Jacob D. Lit, . . . . .	5 00
"	18,	Mr. Thomas McKean, . . . . .	10 00
"	22,	Mr. Edward Wolfe, . . . . .	5 00
"	25,	Mr. Moyer Fleisher, . . . . .	5 00
"	30,	Mr. Otto Eisenlohr . . . . .	5 00
April	6,	Mr. H. M. Nathanson, . . . . .	5 00
"	8,	Mr. Thomas Scattergood, . . . . .	5 00
"	8,	Mr. W. A. Stern, . . . . .	5 00
"	8,	Mr. Ben Gimbel, . . . . .	10 00
"	10,	Mr. Benj. Wolf, . . . . .	5 00
"	19,	Mr. Isidore Langsdorf, . . . . .	5 00
"	24,	Mr. Isaac Gimbel . . . . .	5 00
May	13,	Rev. Charles Wood, D.D., . . . . .	5 00
"	19,	Mrs. Beulah M. Rhoads, . . . . .	25 00
Aug.	1,	Mr. A. M. Langfeld, . . . . .	5 00
"	30,	Miss Emma R. Neisser, . . . . .	5 00
Sept.	15,	Rev. Edgar Cope, . . . . .	5 00
Oct.	20,	Mr. Charles Smith, . . . . .	10 00
Dec.	2,	Mr. Elliston P. Morris, . . . . .	10 00
			Total, \$278 00

NOTE. It has been determined that the financial year of the Society shall henceforth end December 31st.

1. The Group Inc. Corporation, an incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a subsidiary of the Group Inc. Corporation, an incorporated in the District of Columbia, and is a subsidiary of the Group Inc. Corporation, an incorporated in the District of Columbia.

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CHARTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACH-  
ING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING  
LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

*To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, No. 1,  
for the County of Philadelphia :—*

The petition of the undersigned,

respectfully represents :

That they have associated themselves together for the purpose and upon the terms and by the name herein stated under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the twenty-ninth day of April, 1874, and the several supplements thereto, and that in accordance with the requirements of said Act they do set forth and declare that :

I. The name of the corporation is "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

II. The purpose for which the corporation is formed is the instruction of the blind in the art of reading by means of books printed in embossed or raised Moon type or other characters, at their homes and elsewhere, and to establish and operate by itself or through the medium of others a free circulating library, or libraries, of books printed in said type or other characters for the use of the blind.

III. The business of the corporation is to be transacted in the State of Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States, and its principal office is to be in the city of Philadelphia.

IV. The corporation shall exist perpetually.



DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND IN THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA.

V. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

VI. The names and residences of the subscribers, three of whom, at least, are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are as follows :—

WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Streets, Germantown.

ROBERT C. MOON, 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.

JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

VII. The business of the corporation shall be managed by a Board consisting of not less than twelve members of the corporation, as may be fixed by the By-Laws; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents (the number to be fixed by the By-Laws), a Treasurer, and a Secretary; and the two latter offices may be filled by one or two persons, as the corporation shall designate. The names and residences of the officers who have been chosen for the first year are as follows, viz. :—

*President :*

HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

*Vice-Presidents :*

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Streets, Germantown.

JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

FERDINAND J. DREER, 1520 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

*Secretary :*

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

*Treasurer :*

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.



*Board of Managers :*

PROF. EDWARD ELLIS ALLEN, Overbrook, Pa.	MRS. BEULAH M. RHOADS, Haddonfield, N. J.
HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce Street, Philada.	JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Sts., Germantown.
JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 North Broad Street, Philada.	JOHN THOMSON, 2101 N. Camac Street, Philada.
REV. EDGAR COPE, 9th and Lehigh Avenue, Philada.	J. RODMAN PAUL, 903 Pine Street, Philada.
REV. ALFRED L. ELWYN, 1422 Walnut Street, Philada.	JOHN J. WILKINSON, 817 Wharton Street, Philada.
HENRY L. HALL, 3518 Lancaster Avenue, Philada.	MRS. KATHARINE GIBBS ALLEN, Overbrook, Pa.
REV. JAMES MORROW, D. D., 259 W. Harvey Street, Germantown.	MRS. MARY BUTCHER, 3905 Walnut Street, Philada.
ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philada.	MRS. LAURA WILLIAMS COLWELL, Weymouth, N. J.
DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philada.	MRS. FANNY HAZARD DICKSON, 901 Clinton Street, Philada.
FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.	MRS. MARGARET MORRIS MOON, 617 S. 48th Street, Philada.
WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON, 3717 Lancaster Avenue, Philada.	MRS. SARAH S. MORRIS, 241 S. 21st Street, Philada.
MISS SARAH NICHOLSON, Haddonfield, N. J.	MRS. MARY D. FAGAN, 126 W. Penn St., Germantown, Phila.

VIII. Membership shall be open to all persons of lawful age and good moral character, who shall subscribe to the objects of the corporation and be elected by the Board of Managers by ballot ; a majority of the members voting shall be necessary to an election.

Members shall have the right and privilege of voting at elections for the Board of Managers and other officers of the corporation, and shall be qualified to vote thereat only in case they shall have paid the annual subscription fixed by the By-Laws.



## DECREE.

AND now to wit, this eighth day of March 1901, the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation having been on file in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court since the seventh day of February, 1901, the day on which publication of notice of intended application was first made, as appears by the Certificate thereon, and due proof of said application having been therewith presented to the Court, I do hereby certify that I have perused and examined said instrument and find the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class of corporations specified in Section 2 of the Act of April twenty-ninth, 1874, and that said purposes are lawful and not injurious to the community: It is therefore ORDERED AND DECREED that the said CHARTER be approved, and is hereby approved, and upon recording of the said Charter and its endorsements, and this Order in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Philadelphia County, it is now hereby ordered that the subscribers thereto and their associates shall thenceforth be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms and under the name therein stated.

CRAIG BIDDLE,

[SEAL]

*Judge.*

## FORM OF BEQUEST.

*I give and bequeath unto "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," the sum of* *Dollars.*

## FORM OF DEVISE.

*I give, devise and bequeath unto "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," and its successors :*

(DESCRIBE REAL ESTATE.)

## BY-LAWS.

1. The title of this Society shall be "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

2. The objects of the Society shall be : (1) To provide a teacher or teachers to find out and visit the blind at their homes. (2) to provide a free circulating library of embossed books in the Moon type for the blind, the volumes of which shall be exchanged by the teacher, or teachers, as often as necessary. (3) Volumes may be sent to blind readers at distant points, where there are no local libraries of such books.

3. The management of the Society shall be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Managers (of not less than twelve), to be elected annually at a general meeting of the members of the Society, which Board of Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies for the unexpired term.

4. Members of the Society may be elected at any stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and upon the payment of \$2 or upward shall be qualified to vote for officers.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in January, to receive the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and Officers, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

6. The Board of Managers shall meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month (with the exception of June, July, August and September). Five members to constitute a quorum. Special Meetings may be called at the request of five members.

# THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

ESTABLISHED 1882. - REORGANIZED 1898.  
INCORPORATED 1901.

*President*—HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN.

<i>Vice-Presidents</i> . . . . .	{	JOHN E. BAIRD, ESQ.
		BENEDICT GIMBEL, ESQ.
		JOHN H. CONVERSE, ESQ.
		JOHN THOMSON, ESQ.

*Treasurer*—FRANK READ, ESQ.,  
859 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

THIS Society was founded in 1882, with the object of providing a library of embossed books in the Moon type, and sending teachers to the homes of the blind for the purpose of teaching them to read, and periodically exchanging their books. For sixteen years the work was most successfully carried on in Philadelphia, under the superintendence of Mr. John P. Rhoads, the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Bible Society; but in order to place it upon a more permanent basis, the Society was reorganized in 1898, and it is with much pleasure that the managers of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind announce, that the Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia have undertaken to co-operate with them, by taking charge of the library of embossed books belonging to this Society for the blind, as well as consenting to superintend the loaning of the books to the blind upon the Society's Roll of readers, all expenses connected with the home teaching part of the work and the circulation of books outside of Philadelphia being borne by the Home Teaching Society.

The library of Embossed Works has been transferred to the Free Library, 1217-1221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, where the books are kept in a room especially set apart for the purposes of this work. The

room is also open to the blind as a reading-room, and such persons are welcome to the free use of the library. Those who live in Philadelphia or its vicinity are taught at their homes, without charge, by the visitors engaged by the Home Teaching Society for that special purpose.

Eighty per cent. of the blind are over twenty-one years of age, and many of them have lost their eyesight from exhausting diseases, from accidents, or from causes which shatter the nervous system; so that, when they are learning to read, they should have as few obstacles as possible put in their way. For this reason the books adopted by this Society are in the easily acquired embossed type of the late Dr. William Moon, of England, who with his daughter, Miss Moon, visited Philadelphia in 1882, and advocated the adoption of the home teaching system for the adult blind. Dr. Moon, being himself blind, knew well the requirements of his fellow-sufferers, and his embossed books are especially adapted to the needs of those who have become blind since youth, or whose sense of touch has become blunted by laboring with the fingers.

In addition to its work in Philadelphia, this Society has loaned thousands of volumes to blind persons who live at distant points, far away from the city, and has thus brought light and comfort to many a benighted dwelling.

Contributions to the funds of "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read, 859 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Correspondence regarding the Society should be addressed to

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary*,  
Witherspoon Building,  
1319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS should be made to

JOHN THOMSON,  
*Librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia*,  
1217-1221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

An embossed alphabet and a first lesson sheet will be forwarded upon application.

Books selected from the accompanying catalogue will be mailed to any part of the United States, to be returned in a month or sooner, and exchanged for others.

## FREE POSTAGE FOR BLIND READERS.

When the books are returned through the mails, they should be directed to the same address, and to secure free transmission care should be taken to comply strictly with the regulations prescribed in the following Order of the Postmaster General, issued in 1904 :

### ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Order No. 541.

Washington, D. C., June 2, 1904.

Chapter 2, Title III. of the Postal Laws and Regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following subdivision :

#### V.—READING MATTER FOR THE BLIND.

Sec. 518½. Books, pamphlets, and other reading matter in raised characters for the use of the blind, whether prepared by hand or printed in single volumes, not exceeding ten pounds in weight, or in packages not exceeding four pounds in weight and containing no advertising or other matter whatever, unsealed and when sent by public institutions for the blind, or by any public libraries, as a loan to blind readers, or when returned by the latter to such institutions or public libraries, shall be transmitted in the United States mails free of postage, and under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe. (Act of April 27, 1904.)

2. Reading matter in raised characters for the use of the blind, to be entitled to transmission in the mails free of postage, must not contain any advertising or other matter whatever, and must in every case be sent by or returned to a public library or public institution for the blind.

3. When mailed by a public library or public institution for the blind, the matter must be sent as a loan to a blind reader. When mailed for return to a public library or public institution for the blind, the sender must be a blind reader.

4. The matter must be wrapped so that it may be easily examined.

5. No package is to weigh more than four pounds, except in case of a single volume, and it must not exceed ten pounds in weight.

6. On the upper left hand corner of the envelope or wrapper containing the matter the name and address of the sender must appear, and on the upper right hand corner the word "Free" over the words "Reading Matter for the Blind."

Note.—Letters written in point print or raised characters used by the blind are not included in the reading matter entitled, under the provisions of this section, to free transmission in the mails. (See section 475).

H. C. PAYNE, Postmaster General.

Friends of the blind are asked to send to the Secretary of the Society the names and addresses of any blind persons of whom they know, and they will be promptly visited by one of the teachers.



# List of Books in Moon's Type for the Blind.

## BIBLE.

	Hf.-Bd.		Hf.-Bd.
Genesis, 2 vols., . . . . .	\$2.25	Habakkuk, . . . . .	\$0.15
Exodus, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.27	Zephaniah, . . . . .	.17
Leviticus, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87	Haggai, . . . . .	.15
Numbers, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.35	Zechariah, . . . . .	.35
Deuteronomy, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.05	Malachi, . . . . .	.17
Joshua, . . . . .	1.12	Jonah to Malachi, . . . . .	1.10
Judges, . . . . .	1.12	The Old Testament, complete in 43	
1 Samuel, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.90	vols., . . . . .	42.68
2 Samuel, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.67	Matthew, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.70
1 Kings, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87	Mark, 1 vol., . . . . .	1.07
2 Kings, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.82	Luke, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.87
1 Chronicles, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.72	John, 1 vol., . . . . .	1.00
2 Chronicles, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.00	Acts, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.65
Ezra, 2 vols., . . . . .	.45	Romans, . . . . .	.70
Nehemiah, . . . . .	.60	1 Corinthians, . . . . .	.48
Esther, . . . . .	.37	2 Corinthians, . . . . .	.35
Ezra to Esther, 2 vols., . . . . .	1.90	1 and 2 Corinthians in 1 vol., . . . . .	1.00
Job, . . . . .	1.05	Galatians, . . . . .	.25
Psalms, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.85	Ephesians, . . . . .	.25
Proverbs, . . . . .	1.05	Philippians, . . . . .	.20
Ruth, . . . . .	.25	Colossians, . . . . .	.20
Ruth to Lamentations, . . . . .	.92	1 and 2 Thessalonians, . . . . .	.25
Ecclesiastes, . . . . .	.37	1 and 2 Timothy, . . . . .	.30
Song of Solomon, . . . . .	.25	Titus, . . . . .	.17
Lamentations, . . . . .	.30	Philemon, . . . . .	.10
Isaiah, 2 vols., . . . . .	2.25	Galatians to Philemon, in 1 vol., . . . . .	1.15
Jeremiah, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.85	Hebrews, . . . . .	.39
Ezekiel, 3 vols., . . . . .	2.95	James, . . . . .	.20
Daniel, . . . . .	.90	1 Peter, . . . . .	.20
Hosea, . . . . .	.32	2 Peter, . . . . .	.15
Joel, . . . . .	.17	1, 2 and 3 John, . . . . .	.25
Amos, . . . . .	.27	Jude, . . . . .	.10
Obadiah, . . . . .	.12	Hebrews to Jude, in 1 vol., . . . . .	1.10
Hosea to Obadiah, . . . . .	.85	Revelation, . . . . .	.90
Jonah, . . . . .	.15	New Testament, complete in 13	
Micah, . . . . .	.21	vols., . . . . .	12.14
Nahum, . . . . .	.15		

## Chapters and Psalms.

1 Kings, chap. 18, . . . . .	\$0.16	Psalms 40, 42 and 84, . . . . .	\$0.12
2 Kings, chap. 4, . . . . .	.16	Psalms 91, 139 and 147, . . . . .	.13
2 Kings, chap. 5, . . . . .	.12	Psalms 119, . . . . .	.26
Psalms 20, 25, 90, 116 and 121, . . . . .	.16	Proverbs, chap. 8, . . . . .	.10
Psalms 32, 51, 130 and 143, . . . . .	.12	Isaiah, chaps. 35 and 49, . . . . .	.13
Psalms 34, 86 and 96, . . . . .	.12	Isaiah, chap. 40, . . . . .	.13

# LIST OF BOOKS IN MOON'S TYPE FOR THE BLIND.

## Chapters and Psalms—Continued.

Isaiah 53, Psalms 23 and 125, . . . \$0.10	John, chap. 12, . . . \$0.12
Isaiah 55, Psalms 27 and 103, . . . .13	John, chap. 13, . . . .11
Sermon on the Mount, . . . .25	John, chap. 14, . . . .12
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The following extract from "THE BLIND" of October 20th, 1906, which is the official organ of the "Gardner's Trust for the Blind," in London, will doubtless interest the readers of the Annual Report of the "Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind." It is written by Henry J. Wilson, Esq., Secretary of the "Gardner's Trust for the Blind."

## MOON'S SOCIETY.

On August 14th we paid a most interesting visit to the premises of Moon's Society for embossing and circulating books, etc., in Dr. Moon's type for the Blind, 104 Queen's Road, Brighton, and as our cicerone was no less than Miss Moon herself, the late Dr. Moon's daughter, who is devotedly carrying on the work initiated by him, we had the advantage of seeing the machinery at work and of having the various arrangements explained to us under exceptionally favorable conditions. Our debt of gratitude to Miss Moon was increased owing to the fact that she was barely convalescent from an operation for cataract. The Society was started just fifty-nine years ago by the late Dr. Moon, and since then the process of printing has greatly improved. Six hundred and seventy-five volumes in Moon's type, including the entire Bible, have been printed in English, and three hundred and two foreign books have also been printed in the same type. And now in addition to a regular increase in the output of new works, a monthly magazine, consisting of twenty pages and edited by Dr. R. C. Moon of Philadelphia, is printed in Moon's type. Since the Society was started, upwards of 256,370 embossed books, etc., including 9,373 volumes and first lessons during 1905, have been issued.

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PHOTOGRAPHED FROM DR. MOON'S EMBOSSED ALPHABET FOR THE BLIND.

**INSTRUCTIONS.**—In teaching the Alphabet, care should be taken to explain the alterations made in the letters, as indicated by the dotted lines (see the note above the Alphabet). The first line of reading is read from left to right, and the second from right to left, to prevent the reader from losing his place ; the brackets guide the finger from line to line. Words ending in *ing*, *ment*, *tion*, and *ness* have the last letter put over for the whole syllable, as : *g* for *ing* ; *t* for *ment*, etc., two dots one above the other giving notice of the contraction. The first letters of *LORD*, *GOD*, *JESUS*, and *CHRIST* always stand for those holy names. Two dots side by side are used for a full stop, a single dot for any shorter stop. *Veres* are divided by two short lines one above the other. — stands for *th* and *the*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF THE  
PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE  
CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE WITHERSPOON BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

JANUARY 17, 1907.

JOHN THOMSON, ESQ., IN THE CHAIR.

NOTHING can be more gratifying to the supporters of this Society than to learn from time to time of its success in carrying out the object for which it was organized. Upon each successive anniversary it has been the pleasure of the Managers to report substantial advance, both in the number of the blind taught by the teachers to read, and in the circulation of embossed books provided by the Society for their use.

We are now celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Home Teaching and Free Lending Library Work for the Blind, started in Philadelphia in 1882, and it is encouraging to state that during the past year more has been accomplished than during any previous similar period,—thanks to the continued support afforded by the annual subscribers to the Society, and the appropriation which was made by the Legislature of Pennsylvania during the Session of 1905. Whilst the work has been unflaggingly prosecuted in Philadelphia, the additional help afforded by the State has enabled the Managers to undertake the investigation of cases in some other cities and neighborhoods in Pennsylvania, but it is most earnestly to be hoped that such aid may be yet more generously bestowed in order that the whole State may soon be covered by the Home Teachers, and all the Pennsylvania blind be taught and provided with embossed reading matter to relieve the monotony and weariness of their lives.

The three teachers employed by the Society have very successfully pursued their labors amongst the blind and have paid 3,475 visits during the year 1906. There are now 1121 blind readers on the Society's roll, of which number 159 are new members. Mr. Moore and Miss Howland have continued to visit and teach the blind in Philadelphia, regularly making exchanges of books for those in the various institutions of the city. Mr. Moore visited the almshouse at Reading, and, at the request of the Chaplain, taught some of the blind inmates to read. Mrs. Kennedy has since then visited Reading and investigated upwards of 60 more cases. During the past year she has also visited Lancaster, Harrisburg, Easton, Allentown, Chester, West Chester, and many smaller places in eastern Pennsylvania. During 1906 she has investigated 529 cases, of which number 158 were reported to have died since the census was taken in 1900, 72 cases were not known and could not be traced, 51 had removed to some other city, 41 were already readers of embossed type, 31 had had sight restored, or were only partially blind, more than 46 were probably incapacitated, physically or mentally, a number were indifferent, or too much occupied to undertake the reading, and the remaining 52 have been taught to read, or are under tuition. Several of those visited by this teacher have been referred to the other teachers for more prolonged instruction.

During the year no less than 9,829 volumes of embossed books were issued from the Department for the Blind in the Free Library of Philadelphia, 2,220 of which were distributed by the teachers, and 4,983 were sent out of the city by mail to distant places in the United States, and its possessions. Books have been supplied from the Department for the Blind to readers of all ages, using the five embossed types.

The distribution during 1906, according to types, has been as follows :

American Braille, . . . . .	1,059 volumes
Braille, . . . . .	439 volumes
Line Letter, . . . . .	156 volumes
Moon Type, . . . . .	7,836 volumes
New York Point, . . . . .	339 volumes
Total, . . . . .	9,829 volumes

The circulation of books during 1906 showed an increase of 37 per cent. over that of the previous year, when it was 7,145.

Such are some of the statistics of the Society's operations, but who shall estimate the number of drooping spirits that have been

cheered, and the pleasure which has been afforded the eleven hundred and more blind readers now upon the Society's roll, not to speak of the relief to the friends and relatives who had formerly to devote themselves to the entertainment of the afflicted ones in their homes?



DR. WILLIAM MOON,  
Inventor of Moon's Type for the Blind.

The Managers desire to express their thanks to the Hon. John Weaver, Mayor of Philadelphia, for the valuable help he has rendered the Society in having a census of the blind of the city taken by the Bureau of Public Safety.

The first part of the title of this Society expresses its fundamental object, which is HOME TEACHING OF THE BLIND. Those who are sought out and taught by the teachers employed by this Society are



principally the adults, who are not eligible for admission into the schools for the blind, because they are over twenty-one years of age. Such persons live in their homes where the teacher must visit them, if they are to be taught to read, or they will remain untaught. Philanthropic persons interested in the blind are becoming alive to this condition of things, and are beginning to grasp the fact that the adults are vastly in the majority, as they constitute 80 per cent of the total blind population. The existing schools amply and efficiently provide for the education of the small minority under twenty-one years of age, but with the exception of the Home Teaching Society, there is no organization which aims to reach and teach the adults. The necessity for Home Teaching was illustrated very forcibly when a report was received not long ago from the Librarian of a Public Library of one of the large Western cities, stating that he had a quantity of embossed books on his shelves, but they were rarely taken out by the blind of the city. . That was due to the fact that the adult blind of the city, numerous though they were, had not been taught to read, and consequently there could be no demand for the books.

The Moon type is very easily and readily learned by any person who could read before losing the eye-sight, and many acquire the ability to read in one or two lessons. Some even teach themselves to read by merely spelling out the letters on the embossed alphabet, but the Home Teacher carries the reading to the blind person, and with a few words of encouragement, helps him to make a successful beginning, and then the work is half accomplished. When the blind have become proficient, they are interested in the reading, and rapidly devour all the embossed literature they can procure. Then the books on the Library shelves are in demand and accessions of new books cannot be made fast enough.

Whilst the majority of the adult blind can only learn to read by means of the Moon type, the teachers of this Society give instruction in a dotted type to all who are capable of learning one. As will be seen by its Charter of Incorporation, this Society is formed for "*the instruction of the blind in the art of reading by means of books printed in embossed or raised Moon type or other characters.*"

Fully to accomplish the work of reaching all the blind of the State of Pennsylvania, the funds of this Society need to be largely increased, in order that it may be able to employ several more teachers to visit the blind in various cities, villages, and hamlets, and also to provide books for them to read.

Numerous communications and inquiries in reference to our Home Teaching and Library Work for the Blind are daily being received from libraries and persons interested in the work in every part of the

United States, indicating a wide-spread knowledge of this Society and its operations. Many have gained their knowledge from the literature upon the subject issued by this Society, and also from the public newspapers and periodicals which, for some years past, have published most interesting articles, (some of which are illustrated), in reference to the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind and its Free Circulating Library. Several of the correspondents state that their first knowledge of a type for the adult blind was gained from seeing our exhibit at the World's Fair in St. Louis, in 1904, for which this Society was awarded the Gold Medal, which has reached us since our last Annual Meeting was held. A Silver Medal has also been awarded Mr. James W. Moore, one of our blind teachers, who acted as demonstrator of this Society's exhibit at the World's Fair. A letter recently received from Pensacola, Florida, requests that the book, "John Halifax, Gentleman," be sent to "a lady who has been blind three years. She lost her sight at the age of sixty, and learned to read the Moon system from the alphabet page in a pamphlet sent her by a friend from the St. Louis Exposition." This is but one of many instances which prove what a value that exhibit was to the great mass of the adult blind, for many were thereby, for the first time, made aware of the existence of the Moon type, which could be so easily learned and read by those advanced in years.

A great impetus is being given to the cause throughout the country by the interest which the various librarians of public libraries are taking in providing departments for the blind in their various libraries. "News Notes of California Libraries," recently issued by the California State Library, is devoted especially to books for the blind, and contains a sketch of the life of Mrs. Charlotte Hunt White, the oldest known reader of embossed types in California, if not in the United States. She is in her ninety-second year. In 1904 she became totally blind, and, without an instructor, soon learned to read the Moon type. In the fifteen months from the time the first book was taken from the library, she read forty-seven books.

It is a gratifying fact that ophthalmologists are becoming more and more interested in the welfare of the blind, and several are recommending those who are hopelessly blind, or whose sight is failing, to learn the embossed reading.

Dr. L. Webster Fox, an eminent ophthalmic surgeon of this city, has recently published an address upon "Massage, an occupation for the Blind," which, together with his influence as one of the Trustees of the Orthopaedic Hospital, will greatly tend to advance the interest and confidence of the medical profession in giving employment to the blind who are properly trained to administer massage.

It is pleasing to learn that the Home Teaching of the blind in Chicago is being revived by the Woman's Club. For a time it was in abeyance, but now it bids fair to start afresh with renewed vigor. The Managers wish that this Report would permit them to refer at length to the good Home Teaching work going on in New York, Brooklyn, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Boston, Rhode Island, Cincinnati, San Francisco, and other places,—all of which have been the outcome of the Home Teaching and Library Work which Dr. William Moon of England, and his daughter, Miss Moon, started in Philadelphia in 1882, and which for many years thereafter was so successfully carried on by Mr. John P. Rhoads. Since the reorganization of the Society in 1898, and its affiliation with the Free Library of Philadelphia, the work has been making rapid and uninterrupted progress, and the Board of Managers embraces this opportunity once more to express its sincere appreciation of the valuable co-operation which has been afforded by the Trustees, the Librarian, and the staff of the Free Library in the distribution of the embossed books in Philadelphia, and in distant parts:

A valuable paper upon "Books for the Blind" was read by Miss Emma R. Neisser at the Conference of the American Library Association, recently held at Narragansett Pier. Miss Neisser's connection with the Department for the Blind of the Free Library of Philadelphia enabled her to present the Library Work for the Blind in a practical manner to the Librarians who were present.

The beneficent legislation of Congress which gave free postage of books loaned to the blind, has, doubtless, helped largely to increase the circulation of the books. This great increase in the circulation has emphasized the necessity of providing new books in the Moon type, and it is pleasing to report that this Society has, during the past year, been able (by special contributions received) to assist in paying for the publication of several new works. At the last Annual Meeting a collection was made which, with a gift of \$100 from Mr. Frank Read, has defrayed the half-cost of stereotyping the following books in the Moon type:

"His Wife's Deceased Sister," and "A Piece of Red Calico," by Frank R. Stockton; "The Sleeping Car," by W. Dean Howells; "Hero Tales from American History," 1st Vol., by Lodge and Roosevelt. This last mentioned work will make four volumes. The first was received with so much pleasure by many of our blind readers, that Mrs. Charles P. Sinnickson, Miss Fanny Rosengarten and Mr. Joseph G. Rosengarten, hearing of the reception accorded Volume I., have generously agreed each to defray the half-cost of one volume, so that the whole work will be ready for circulation in two or three months' time.

Copies of "The Call of the Wild" and "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" have been received, the half-cost of which was kindly met by a friend in Philadelphia. These have afforded great pleasure to the blind. One reader upon returning the second volume of "The Call of the Wild" writes: "I return second volume of 'Buck' by Jack London. It is one of the best written books I



MISS MOON.

Miss Moon is successor to her father, Dr. William Moon, in conducting his Work for the Blind at Brighton, England.

have come across in a long time. The style,—the interesting way in which he makes Buck appear almost human is charming. Being a lover of dogs myself, I should have been interested, but Mr. London has fascinated me with his vivid descriptions."

Dr. David D. Wood and his colleague, Mr. Oscar Streland, organists at the Baptist Temple, very kindly appropriated a sum of money, which was presented to them by their choir at Christmas time, to preparing "The Revolt of Mother," by Mrs. Mary E. Wilkins Freeman. Miss Olivia E. P. Stokes has recently subscribed for the stereotyping of "The Scent of the Roses," by the same writer, and also "The Song of Our Syrian Guest," by Rev. William A. Knight.

In the Christmas season of 1905 the happy thought occurred to Miss Neisser of suggesting to her friends that the money they would usually spend in sending her Christmas presents should be devoted to the printing of a new book for the blind, and the result was that enough was collected to pay the half-cost of "The Christmas Peace," by Thomas Nelson Page. Another interesting contribution was that from Judge Pereles in Wisconsin, to meet the expense of publishing "Optimism," by Miss Helen Keller, to whom, as well as the publishers of that and the other books recently embossed, especial thanks are due for the kind permission to reprint their publications in the Moon type. Judge Pereles, in making his gift, which he hopes to repeat annually towards the publication of new books, states that it is in memory of his mother, "who knew what it was to be blind!" These private benefactions are not only interesting, but suggestive, and it is to be hoped that many others may thereby be induced to pay for the stereotyping of some interesting work, at the rate of seventy-five cents per page, which is half the cost of production, the Moon Society in England undertaking to defray the other half of the cost.

A Home Teacher in New England has recently written: "I wish some person of means would endow such an institution as yours to increase the number of books for the adult blind, as they are obliged to read the Moon system, which is so great a pleasure to them. We can stand all the literature that can be printed."

The "Moon Monthly Magazine for the Blind," which was referred to in our last Report, has afforded the greatest pleasure to our blind readers, and the Managers wish that it was in the power of this Society to contribute to the enlargement of this periodical, which, from its success, and the welcome which has been afforded it, was evidently much needed by the blind.

#### PUBLICATION FUND.

It appears more than ever desirable that the Publication Fund of \$100,000, which has been contributed to in some degree, should be raised as speedily as possible, as the investment of such a sum would insure a steady income to provide regular editions to the embossed literature for the blind in the Moon type. Wherever the adult blind are reached by the Home Teacher, the peculiar adaptability of the Moon type to their needs becomes more and more apparent, and as those in advanced years have generally much spare time upon their hands, they devote a considerable part of each day to reading; and therefore require very frequent exchanges of books. Those who have

read through all the older works eagerly look for the arrival of new books, for which there is always a list of applicants in advance. Time no longer hangs heavily upon their hands when they have new books to read, and while so engaged, life, even in darkness, becomes bearable, and a happy influence is brought into the home when the mind is occupied with good, sound, interesting literature. If one of those who have been blessed with wealth could but for a moment witness the joy which beams from faces with sightless eyes when handling, almost with affection, a newly printed book, there would be no need for the Board of Managers to express one word of pleading on behalf of new books for the use of our friends who are

“ In darkness bidden  
Their journey to pursue.”

The gratifying progress in this beneficent work of giving light to the blind during the last quarter of a century, inspires us with hopefulness for the future, and we trust that all who have it in their power to promote the cause by liberal financial support, will not forget to remember the blind and their urgent need of books.

“ Now is the time ! Ah, friends, no longer wait  
To scatter loving smiles and words of cheer  
To those around whose lives may be so drear,  
They may not need you in the coming year,  
Now is the time ! ”

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D.,  
*Secretary.*

## 1907. STATEMENT OF TREASURER.

Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1905, . . . \$1926 34

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	<u>\$1127 00</u>	
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Contribution by Miss Olivia E. P. Stokes for publica- tion of "The Scent of the Roses," . . . . .	25 00	
Books sold to readers by Free Library, . . . . .	58 92	
Proceeds from sale of pad, . . . . .	8 00	\$3057 25

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Postage, . . . . .	50 00

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CHARTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACH-  
ING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING  
LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

*To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, No. 1,  
for the County of Philadelphia :—*

The petition of the undersigned,

respectfully represents :

That they have associated themselves together for the purpose and upon the terms and by the name herein stated under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the twenty-ninth day of April, 1874, and the several supplements thereto, and that in accordance with the requirements of said Act they do set forth and declare that :

I. The name of the corporation is "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

II. The purpose for which the corporation is formed is the instruction of the blind in the art of reading by means of books printed in embossed or raised Moon type or other characters, at their homes and elsewhere, and to establish and operate by itself or through the medium of others a free circulating library, or libraries, of books printed in said type or other characters for the use of the blind.

III. The business of the corporation is to be transacted in the State of Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States, and its principal office is to be in the city of Philadelphia.

IV. The corporation shall exist perpetually.



DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND IN THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA.

V. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

VI. The names and residences of the subscribers, three of whom, at least, are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are as follows :—

WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN P. RHOADS, Church and Chew Streets, Germantown.

ROBERT C. MOON, 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.

JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

VII. The business of the corporation shall be managed by a Board consisting of not less than twelve members of the corporation, as may be fixed by the By-Laws; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents (the number to be fixed by the By-Laws), a Treasurer, and a Secretary; and the two latter offices may be filled by one or two persons, as the corporation shall designate. The names and residences of the officers who have been chosen for the first year are as follows, viz. :—

*President :*

HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

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DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

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ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

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VIII. Membership shall be open to all persons of lawful age and good moral character, who shall subscribe to the objects of the corporation and be elected by the Board of Managers by ballot ; a majority of the members voting shall be necessary to an election.

Members shall have the right and privilege of voting at elections for the Board of Managers and other officers of the corporation, and shall be qualified to vote thereat only in case they shall have paid the annual subscription fixed by the By-Laws.



IX. The yearly income of the corporation other than that derived from realty, shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars. The funds of the corporation are to be raised by subscriptions from the members and contributions by the friends of the corporation, as well as from gifts, devises and bequests of the general public, with such aid and endowment as it may receive from other sources from time to time. Such funds shall only be applied to the purposes of the corporation as expressed in this charter.

WITNESS our hands and seals, at Philadelphia, the twenty-ninth day of January, A. D., 1901.

W. N. ASHMAN, [SEAL]  
JOHN P. RHOADS, [SEAL]  
JOHN E. BAIRD, [SEAL]  
ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., [SEAL]  
FRANK READ, [SEAL]  
DUNDAS T. PRATT, [SEAL]

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, } ss.

Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, personally appeared William N. Ashman, John E. Baird and Dundas T. Pratt, three of the subscribers to the above and within certificate of incorporation, and in due form of law acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this twenty-ninth day of January, A. D., 1901.

[SEAL]

ARCHER McLEARN,

*Notary Public.*

## DECREE.

AND now to wit, this eighth day of March 1901, the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation having been on file in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court since the seventh day of February, 1901, the day on which publication of notice of intended application was first made, as appears by the Certificate thereon, and due proof of said application having been therewith presented to the Court, I do hereby certify that I have perused and examined said instrument and find the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class of corporations specified in Section 2 of the Act of April twenty-ninth, 1874, and that said purposes are lawful and not injurious to the community: It is therefore ORDERED AND DECREED that the said CHARTER be approved, and is hereby approved, and upon recording of the said Charter and its endorsements, and this Order in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Philadelphia County, it is now hereby ordered that the subscribers thereto and their associates shall thenceforth be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms and under the name therein stated.

CRAIG BIDDLE,

[SEAL]

*Judge.*

## BY-LAWS.

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1. The title of this Society shall be "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

2. The objects of the Society shall be: (1) To provide a teacher or teachers to find out and visit the blind at their homes. (2) To provide a free circulating library of embossed books in the Moon type for the blind, the volumes of which shall be exchanged by the teacher, or teachers, as often as necessary. (3) Volumes may be sent to blind readers at distant points, where there are no local libraries of such books.

3. The management of the Society shall be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Managers (of not less than twelve), to be elected annually at a general meeting of the members of the Society, which Board of Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies for the unexpired term.

4. Members of the Society may be elected at any stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and upon the payment of \$2 or upward shall be qualified to vote for officers.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in January, to receive the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and Officers, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

6. The Board of Managers shall meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month (with the exception of June, July, August and September). Five members to constitute a quorum. Special Meetings may be called at the request of five members.

# THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

ESTABLISHED 1882. - REORGANIZED 1898.  
INCORPORATED 1901.

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*Treasurer*—FRANK READ, ESQ.

859 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

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THIS Society was founded in 1882, with the object of providing a library of embossed books in the Moon type, and sending teachers to the homes of the blind for the purpose of teaching them to read, and periodically exchanging their books. For sixteen years the work was most successfully carried on in Philadelphia, under the superintendence of Mr. John P. Rhoads, the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Bible Society ; but in order to place it upon a more permanent basis, the Society was reorganized in 1898, and it is with much pleasure that the Managers of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind announce that the Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia have undertaken to co-operate with them, by taking charge of the library of embossed books belonging to this Society for the blind, as well as consenting to superintend the loaning of the books to the blind upon the Society's Roll of readers, all expenses connected with the home teaching part of the work and the circulation of books outside of Philadelphia being borne by the Home Teaching Society.

The library of Embossed Works has been transferred to the Free Library, 1217-1221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, where the books are kept in a room especially set apart for the purposes of this work. The

room is also open to the blind as a reading-room, and such persons are welcome to the free use of the library. Those who live in Philadelphia or its vicinity are taught in their homes, without charge, by the visitors engaged by the Home Teaching Society for that special purpose. From time to time the teachers visit more distant towns in Pennsylvania to find out and teach the blind to read.

Eighty per cent. of the blind are over twenty-one years of age, and many of them have lost their eyesight from exhausting diseases, from accidents, or from causes which shatter the nervous system; so that, when they are learning to read, they should have as few obstacles as possible put in their way. For this reason the books adopted by this Society are in the easily acquired embossed type of the late Dr. William Moon, of England, who with his daughter, Miss Moon, visited Philadelphia in 1882, and advocated the adoption of the home teaching system for the adult blind. Dr. Moon, being himself blind, knew well the requirements of his fellow-sufferers, and his embossed books are especially adapted to the needs of those who have become blind since youth, or whose sense of touch has become blunted by laboring with the fingers.

In addition to its work in Philadelphia, the Society has loaned thousands of volumes to blind persons who live at distant points, far away from the city, and has thus brought light and comfort to many a benighted dwelling.

Contributions to the funds of "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read, 859 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Correspondence regarding the Society should be addressed to

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary*,  
Witherspoon Building,  
1319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS should be made to

JOHN THOMSON,  
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1217-1221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

An embossed alphabet and a first lesson sheet will be forwarded upon application.

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## FREE POSTAGE FOR BLIND READERS.

When the books are returned through the mails, they should be directed to the same address, and to secure free transmission care should be taken to comply strictly with the regulations prescribed in the following Order of the Postmaster General, issued in 1904 :

### ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

Order No. 541.

Washington, D. C., June 2, 1904.

Chapter 2, Title III, of the Postal Laws and Regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following subdivision :

#### V.—READING MATTER FOR THE BLIND.

Sec. 518½. Books, pamphlets, and other reading matter in raised characters for the use of the blind, whether prepared by hand or printed in single volumes, not exceeding ten pounds in weight, or in packages not exceeding four pounds in weight and containing no advertising or other matter whatever, unsealed and when sent by public institutions for the blind, or by any public libraries, as a loan to blind readers, or when returned by the latter to such institutions or public libraries, shall be transmitted in the United States mails free of postage, and under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe. (Act of April 27, 1904.)

2. Reading matter in raised characters for the use of the blind, to be entitled to transmission in the mails free of postage, must not contain any advertising or other matter whatever, and must in every case be sent by or returned to a public library or public institution for the blind.

3. When mailed by a public library or public institution for the blind, the matter must be sent as a loan to a blind reader. When mailed for return to a public library or public institution for the blind, the sender must be a blind reader.

4. The matter must be wrapped so that it may be easily examined.

5. No package is to weigh more than four pounds, except in case of a single volume, and it must not exceed ten pounds in weight.

6. On the upper left hand corner of the envelope or wrapper containing the matter the name and address of the sender must appear, and on the upper right hand corner the word "Free" over the words "Reading Matter for the Blind."

NOTE.—Letters written in point print or raised characters used by the blind are not included in the reading matter entitled, under the provisions of this section, to free transmission in the mails. (See section 475).

H. C. PAYNE, Postmaster General.

Friends of the blind are asked to send to the Secretary of the Society the names and addresses of any blind persons of whom they know, and they will be promptly visited by one of the teachers.



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Total, . . . . .	12,945 volumes

The circulation of books during 1907 showed an increase of 31 per cent. over that of the previous year, when it was 9829.

The blind who are sought out and taught at their homes by the agents of this Society are principally among the adults, who form the majority of the blind. They generally lose their eyesight through disease, accident, or old age; in many instances their fingers are hardened with work and their sense of touch is therefore greatly impaired. Such can only decipher a very easily felt type, as shown by the preponderance of the circulation of books embossed in the Moon type, which appears in the foregoing schedule of distribution of books circulated.

The Board of Managers desires once more to express its thankful appreciation of the kind and harmonious co-operation of the Trustees, Librarian and officials of the Free Library of Philadelphia in superintending the circulation of the embossed books of this Society's Library. The clerical expenses connected with the distribution of the books in the city of Philadelphia are borne by the Free Library, whilst all the expenses incurred in sending the books beyond the city limits are met from the funds of this Home Teaching Society for the Blind. Such an increase in the circulation, as that referred to, necessarily entails increased expenditures for packing materials and services, in addition to the cost of renewals and additions to the Library of embossed books. As the work extends, its financial needs are proportionately increased for more teachers, more books and larger circulation. It is, therefore, earnestly hoped that numerous additions will be made to the list of Annual Subscribers to make provision for the uninterrupted progress and usefulness of the Society.

During the past year, your Secretary, whilst in London, attended the meetings of the Royal International Congress of School Hygiene, at which he represented the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind, and took part in the discussions in the Section devoted to the blind.

The success which attended the exhibit of embossed books, etc., made by this Home Teaching Society at the Universal Exposition in

St. Louis in 1904, when it was awarded a gold medal, encouraged the Board of Managers to accept an invitation to make a similar exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition, held last year. The exhibit occupied a conspicuous position in the Social Economy Building, where, on September 21st, your Secretary delivered an address in reference to the operations of the Society. Mr. James W. Moore, one of the Society's blind home teachers, acted as demonstrator of the exhibit, which evidently interested numerous persons visiting the Exposition from Virginia, North and South Carolina, and other Southern States. It is gratifying to report that the Jury of Awards of the Jamestown Exposition has awarded this Society a gold medal for its exhibit.

It is to be hoped that as much good may result to the blind of the Southern States from this exhibit made at Jamestown, in 1907, as was effected amongst the blind of the West and Northwest by that made at St. Louis, in 1904. The widely spread interest created by the latter is still being manifested by a steady stream of inquiries for information and embossed sheets from various parts of the United States.

The many testimonials expressive of gratitude, which reach us from the readers themselves, furnish abundant evidence of their appreciation of the boon which is being conferred upon them. They speak of their books in almost affectionate terms, as

"Silent companions of their lonely hours,  
Friends who can never alter or forsake."

Not a few read their books over and over again,

"And o'er the old familiar pages bending,  
Refresh their minds with many a tranquil thought."

The sister of one of our readers recently wrote from Hummelstown, Pa.: "You will be pleased to know that my dear sister has learned to read very nicely, and is so fascinated with this delightful new diversion, that she devotes a great deal of time to it, and has now several books from the library. It is the sweetest thing that has entered into her life during the ten years of her blindness." A reader in Mauch Chunk writes: "The books are a wonderful source of interest and pleasure to me." Some of our readers occupy much of their time in reading and call for frequent exchanges of books. One of them, during last year, wrote to his teacher: "Please bring me the seventh and eighth volumes of 'John Halifax, Gentleman.' I miss my reading very much, as I have not any on hand now." Another wrote: "To-morrow I will be alone, and with nothing to read. I am ready for Vol. IX of 'Kenilworth' and Vol. XVI of 'English History.'"

In December last, Mr. Thomas Hughes, one of our readers in Providence, R. I., who had been blind for thirteen years, died at the age of 65 years. Soon afterward a friend, in announcing his death, wrote: "His books were his greatest and almost his only comfort, as, in addition to his blindness, he was a great sufferer from rheumatism. He particularly enjoyed the stories of the Old Testament."

It is more and more apparent that a larger number and a greater variety of books are needed for the use of our readers.

During the last few years considerable advance has been made in providing new books in the Moon type for the blind, some having



**MISS MOON.**

Miss Moon is successor to her father, Dr. William Moon, in conducting his Work for the Blind at Brighton, England.

been produced solely at the cost of the Moon Society in England, whilst the half-cost of some other books has been met by private individuals in America. Mr. John T. Morris has, during the past year, provided for the stereotyping of "The Life of General Grant" by Owen Wister, and "The Perfect Tribute" (to President Lincoln) by Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews; Mr. and Mrs. George Vaux, Jr., have defrayed the half-cost of the stereotyping of "In Memoriam" by Tennyson, and "Snowbound" by Whittier; Miss Emma R. Neisser and her friends have met the half-cost of stereotyping "The Yellowstone National Park" by Arnold Hague and "The Grand Canyon of Arizona" by Major Powell, and Judge



Pereles has again made his contribution in memory of his mother, who was blind, the book selected this year being, "A Wonder worker of Science" by W. S. Harwood, an account of the work of Luther Burbank. These individual contributions have been made through this Society, and the Board of Managers earnestly hopes that many other kind friends will be induced to undertake to defray the half-cost of stereotyping other worthy works for the blind at the rate of 75 cents per page, as the Moon Society in England will meet the other half of the cost.

#### PUBLICATION FUND.

Whilst fully appreciating all the individual efforts to provide fresh literature for the blind, the Managers of this Society feel that it is incumbent upon them to emphasize the necessity of raising, as quickly as possible, the special Publication Fund of \$100,000, which has been already partially contributed to. This is a reading age, when a variety of printed matter is being prepared for the sighted part of the community, and the blind are not one whit behind their friends in the thirst for knowledge and mental entertainment. This is manifested by the eager way in which they peruse their books, and their clamor for more of an interesting and instructive character. Books of travel, history, biography and science are greatly appreciated, and they care only for the highest class of general literature. The printing of embossed literature is necessarily costly and great consideration is given to the selection of the works which are to be stereotyped, so that probably any catalogue of books printed for the blind will contain an unusually large proportion of books of a good character and a high tone.

But although the quality of such books is of an undoubtedly high order, the quantity is far less than is needed to keep pace with the requirements and demands of the blind, who are fully as anxious as their seeing friends to be "up to date" in their "reading."

An urgent appeal is therefore again made for the completion of the \$100,000 Publication Fund, which, when invested, will yield an income, by means of which a steady supply of new books in the Moon type may be stereotyped for our readers. Surely there must be many who wish

"To brighten life for some one  
Now and here;  
This let them do to-day."

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D.,

1319 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

*Secretary.*

After the reading of the Report, an address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Geo. E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

## 1907. STATEMENT OF TREASURER.

Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1907, . . . . . \$422 82

### RECEIVED.

From Annual Subscribers, . . . . .	\$518 00	
From Direct Contributions, . . . . .	325 50	
Subscriptions to Publication Fund, . . . . .	227 50	
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	\$1,071 00	
State Appropriation, . . . . .	1,250 00	
Books sold to readers by Free Library, . . . . .	168 01	
Received by Free Library during 1907 from readers for postage and expressage, . . . . .	11 74	
Contribution by Miss Olivia E. P. Stokes for publication of "The Song of Our Syrian Guest," . . . . .	19 00	
Contribution by Mr. and Mrs. George Vaux, Jr., for publication of Ten- nyson's "In Memoriam" and Whittier's "Snow Bound," . . . . .	101 00	
Contribution by Mr. John T. Morris for publication of "The Life of General Grant" by Owen Wister, . . . . .	105 00	
Contribution by Judge J. M. Pereles for publication of "A Wonder worker of Science" (Burbank) by W. S. Harwood, . . . . .	50 00	
Contributions collected by Miss Neisser for publication of new books: New Jersey Public Library Commission, . . . . . \$20 00 Cash (donor's name not given), . . . . . 25 00 Contributions, Miss Neisser and friends, . . . . . 74 25		
Contribution by Mr. William Grange for refreshments at last annual meeting, . . . . .	30 00	
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	\$2,880 00	
Withdrawals from Investment Fund, . . . . .	750 00	\$3,630 00
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		\$4,052 82

### PAID.

Teachers' salaries, expenses, postages, etc., by hands of Dr. R. C. Moon, Secretary, . . . . .	\$1,405 00	
Moon Society, England, books purchased, . . . . .	272 43	
Moon Society, England, books published per contributions, . . . . .	275 00	
Moon Society, England, subscriptions to magazine, . . . . .	125 00	
Ketterlinus Lithographic Manufacturing Company, printing 1907 reports, programs, invitations, circulars, etc., . . . . .	315 34	
Appropriation, account Jamestown Exhibition, . . . . . \$300 00 Less unexpended balance, . . . . . 21 60	278 40	
Contribution to Free Library, account of clerical services for year of 1907, George Malcomson, cases and frames, . . . . .	14 10	
Jamestown Publishing Co., additional words in Jamestown catalogue, . . . . .	2 00	
Rent of Hall for Annual Meeting and decorating, . . . . .	25 00	
Rent of Hall for Annual Meeting, 1908, on account, . . . . .	10 00	
Refreshments at Annual Meeting (paid by contribution of Mr. William Grange), . . . . .	30 00	
Printing, envelopes, folders, etc., for Secretary, and teachers' cards, etc., . . . . .	40 75	
J. L. Vandiver, entry charges on books imported, . . . . .	26 85	
Expenses Dr. R. C. Moon to New York and Harrisburg, . . . . .	20 00	
Expenses Miss Neisser to New York, . . . . .	5 50	
T. H. Grigg, writing boards, . . . . .	12 00	
Postage used by Treasurer, . . . . .	15 00	
Reprints of Miss Neisser's paper, . . . . .	10 75	
 PAID ON ACCOUNT OF FREE LIBRARY:		
Books bought from Bible Society for readers, . . . . .	22 44	
Wrapping paper, twine and strawboards used, . . . . .	107 65	
Printing of postals, labels, cards, etc., . . . . .	192 63	
G. D. Emerson, rebinding books for blind, . . . . .	143 65	
Writing boards, frames, etc., . . . . .	12 00	
Postage, expressage, etc., paid during 1907, . . . . .	95 93	3,557 42
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Balance in Treasury, January 3, 1908, . . . . .		\$495 40

Audited and found correct.  
January 8, 1908.

JNO. J. WILKINSON,  
ROBERT C. MOON, M.D.

## PETTY CASH ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY

**FROM**

JANUARY 1, 1907, TO JANUARY 3, 1908.

1906			
Dec. 31,	Cash in hands of Dr. Moon, Secy.,	\$16 55	
1907			
Jan. 25,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	100 00	
Feb. 9,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	100 00	
Mar. 1,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	100 00	
Mar. 27,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	100 00	
Apr. 24,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	100 00	
May 29,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	100 00	
June 14,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	100 00	
June 26,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	250 00	
Oct. 2,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	100 00	
Oct. 15,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	100 00	
Nov. 7,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	100 00	
Dec. 15,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	100 00	
Dec. 31,	By Cash from Mr. Frank Read,	55 00	
		<u>\$1,421 55</u>	
	To Postages,		\$83 00
	To Salaries of Visiting Teachers and their Traveling Expenses,		1,250 61
	To Typewriting and Stenography,		39 21
	To Stationery and Engrossing,		16 25
	To Photographs, Half- tones, Engraving, Electrotypes and Writing,		27 19
	To Freight Charges,		2 84
	To Sundries,		1 50
	Balance in hands of Dr. Moon,		<u>95</u>
			<u>\$1,421 55</u>

**Audited, examined and found correct.**

JNO. J. WILKINSON.

January 8, 1908.

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Total,			\$325 50

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			\$227 50
Balance, January 1, 1907,			618 00
Balance, January 3, 1908,			\$845 50
(Included in Investment Fund)			
Balance, Investment Fund, January 1, 1907, . . . . .			\$1,757 00
Withdrawals during 1907, . . . . .			750 00
			\$1,007 00
Interest accrued and credited, . . . . .			92 08
Balance, Investment Fund, January 3, 1908, . . . . .			\$1,099 08



**LIGHT AND DARKNESS.**

A blind visitor reading from an embossed book in the Moon type.

CHARTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACH-  
ING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING  
LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

*To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, No. 1,  
for the County of Philadelphia :—*

The petition of the undersigned,

respectfully represents :

That they have associated themselves together for the purpose and upon the terms and by the name herein stated under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the twenty-ninth day of April, 1874, and the several supplements thereto, and that in accordance with the requirements of said Act they do set forth and declare that :

I. The name of the corporation is "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

II. The purpose for which the corporation is formed is the instruction of the blind in the art of reading by means of books printed in embossed or raised Moon type or other characters, at their homes and elsewhere, and to establish and operate by itself or through the medium of others a free circulating library, or libraries, of books printed in said type or other characters for the use of the blind.

III. The business of the corporation is to be transacted in the State of Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the United States, and its principal office is to be in the city of Philadelphia.

IV. The corporation shall exist perpetually.





DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND IN THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA.

V. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

VI. The names and residences of the subscribers, three of whom, at least, are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are as follows :—

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JOHN E. BAIRD, 1705 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

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VII. The business of the corporation shall be managed by a Board consisting of not less than twelve members of the corporation, as may be fixed by the By-Laws; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents (the number to be fixed by the By-Laws), a Treasurer, and a Secretary; and the two latter offices may be filled by one or two persons, as the corporation shall designate. The names and residences of the officers who have been chosen for the first year are as follows, viz. :—

*President :*

HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN, 4400 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

*Vice-Presidents :*

DUNDAS T. PRATT, 128 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia.

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*Secretary :*

ROBERT C. MOON, M. D., 617 S. 48th Street, Philadelphia.

*Treasurer :*

FRANK READ, Rosemont, Penna.

*Board of Managers :*

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VIII. Membership shall be open to all persons of lawful age and good moral character, who shall subscribe to the objects of the corporation and be elected by the Board of Managers by ballot ; a majority of the members voting shall be necessary to an election.

Members shall have the right and privilege of voting at elections for the Board of Managers and other officers of the corporation, and shall be qualified to vote thereat only in case they shall have paid the annual subscription fixed by the By-Laws.

IX. The yearly income of the corporation other than that derived from realty, shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars. The funds of the corporation are to be raised by subscriptions from the members and contributions by the friends of the corporation, as well as from gifts, devises and bequests of the general public, with such aid and endowment as it may receive from other sources from time to time. Such funds shall only be applied to the purposes of the corporation as expressed in this charter.

WITNESS our hands and seals, at Philadelphia, the twenty-ninth day of January, A. D., 1901.

W. N. ASHMAN,	[SEAL]
JOHN P. RHOADS,	[SEAL]
JOHN E. BAIRD,	[SEAL]
ROBERT C. MOON, M. D.,	[SEAL]
FRANK READ,	[SEAL]
DUNDAS T. PRATT,	[SEAL]

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, } ss.

Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, personally appeared William N. Ashman, John E. Baird and Dundas T. Pratt, three of the subscribers to the above **and within** certificate of incorporation, and in due form of law **acknowledged** the same to be their act and deed for the purposes **therein mentioned.**

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal this twenty-ninth day of January, A. D., 1901.

ARCHER McLEARN,  
[SEAL] *Notary Public.*

## DECREE.

AND now to wit, this eighth day of March 1901, the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation having been on file in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court since the seventh day of February, 1901, the day on which publication of notice of intended application was first made, as appears by the Certificate thereon, and due proof of said application having been therewith presented to the Court, I do hereby certify that I have perused and examined said instrument and find the same to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class of corporations specified in Section 2 of the Act of April twenty-ninth, 1874, and that said purposes are lawful and not injurious to the community: It is therefore ORDERED AND DECREED that the said CHARTER be approved, and is hereby approved, and upon recording of the said Charter and its endorsements, and this Order in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Philadelphia County, it is now hereby ordered that the subscribers thereto and their associates shall thenceforth be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms and under the name therein stated.

CRAIG BIDDLE,

[SEAL]

*Judge.*

## BY-LAWS.

1. The title of this Society shall be "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind."

2. The objects of the Society shall be: (1) To provide a teacher or teachers to find out and visit the blind at their homes. (2) To provide a free circulating library of embossed books in the Moon type for the blind, the volumes of which shall be exchanged by the teacher, or teachers, as often as necessary. (3) Volumes may be sent to blind readers at distant points, where there are no local libraries of such books.

3. The management of the Society shall be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Managers (of not less than twelve), to be elected annually at a general meeting of the members of the Society, which Board of Managers shall have power to fill all vacancies for the unexpired term.

4. Members of the Society may be elected at any stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and upon the payment of \$2 or upward shall be qualified to vote for officers.

5. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in January, to receive the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and Officers, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

6. The Board of Managers shall meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month (with the exception of June, July, August and September). Five members to constitute a quorum. Special Meetings may be called at the request of five members.

# THE PENNSYLVANIA HOME TEACHING SOCIETY AND FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND.

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ESTABLISHED 1882. REORGANIZED 1898.  
INCORPORATED 1901.

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*President*—HON. WILLIAM N. ASHMAN.

*Vice-Presidents*— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{JOHN E. BAIRD, ESQ.} \\ \text{JOHN THOMSON, ESQ.} \\ \text{L. WEBSTER FOX, M. A., M. D.} \end{array} \right.$

*Treasurer*—FRANK READ, ESQ.,  
859 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

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THIS Society was founded in 1882, with the object of providing a library of embossed books in the Moon type, and sending teachers to the homes of the blind for the purpose of teaching them to read, and periodically exchanging their books. For sixteen years the work was most successfully carried on in Philadelphia, under the superintendence of Mr. John P. Rhoads, the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Bible Society; but in order to place it upon a more permanent basis, the Society was reorganized in 1898, and it is with much pleasure that the Managers of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind announce that the Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia undertook in 1898 to co-operate with them, by taking charge of the library of embossed books belonging to this Society for the blind, as well as consenting to superintend the loaning of the books to the blind upon the Society's Roll of readers, all expenses connected with the home teaching part of the work and the circulation of books outside of Philadelphia being borne by the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind.

The Society's Library of Embossed Works is located in the Free Library of Philadelphia, where the books are kept in a room especially set apart for the purposes of this work. The room is

also open to the blind as a reading-room and such persons are welcome to the free use of the library. The Society at the present time employs four home teachers, three of whom are in Philadelphia and one has recently been appointed for Pittsburgh. They visit the blind in their homes free of charge, they teach them to read, and periodically exchange their books.

Eighty per cent. of the blind are over twenty-one years of age, and many of them have lost their eyesight from exhausting diseases, from accidents, or from causes which shatter the nervous system; so that, when they are learning to read, they should have as few obstacles as possible put in their way. For this reason the books adopted by this Society are in the easily acquired embossed type of the late Dr. William Moon, of England, who with his daughter, Miss Moon, visited Philadelphia in 1882, and introduced the home teaching system for the adult blind. Dr. Moon, being himself blind, knew well the requirements of his fellow-sufferers, and his embossed books are especially adapted to the needs of those who have become blind since youth, or whose sense of touch has become blunted by laboring with the fingers. Instruction in a dotted type is given by the teachers to all who are capable of learning one.

In addition to its work in Philadelphia, the Society has loaned thousands of volumes to blind persons who live at distant points, far away from the city, and has thus brought light and comfort to many a benighted dwelling.

Contributions to the funds of "The Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society and Free Circulating Library for the Blind," will be thankfully received by the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Read, 859 Drexel Building, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Correspondence regarding the Society should be addressed to

DR. ROBERT C. MOON, *Secretary*,  
618 Witherspoon Building,  
1319 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS OF EMBOSSED BOOKS from the Library of the Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society for the Blind should be made to

JOHN THOMSON,  
*Librarian of the Free Library of Philadelphia*,  
1217-1221 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

An embossed alphabet and a first lesson sheet will be forwarded upon application.

Books selected from the accompanying catalogue will be mailed to any part of the United States, to be returned in a month or sooner, and exchanged for others.



## FREE POSTAGE FOR BLIND READERS.

When the books are returned through the mails, they should be directed to the same library address, and to secure free transmission care should be taken to comply strictly with the regulations prescribed in the following Order of the Postmaster General, issued in 1904 :

### ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

Order No. 541.

Washington, D. C., June 2, 1904.

Chapter 2, Title III, of the Postal Laws and Regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following subdivision :

#### V.—READING MATTER FOR THE BLIND.

Sec. 518½. Books, pamphlets, and other reading matter in raised characters for the use of the blind, whether prepared by hand or printed in single volumes, not exceeding ten pounds in weight, or in packages not exceeding four pounds in weight and containing no advertising or other matter whatever, unsealed and when sent by public institutions for the blind, or by any public libraries, as a loan to blind readers, or when returned by the latter to such institutions or public libraries, shall be transmitted in the United States mails free of postage, and under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe. (Act of April 27, 1904.)

2. Reading matter in raised characters for the use of the blind, to be entitled to transmission in the mails free of postage, must not contain any advertising or other matter whatever, and must in every case be sent by or returned to a public library or public institution for the blind.

3. When mailed by a public library or public institution for the blind, the matter must be sent as a loan to a blind reader. When mailed for return to a public library or public institution for the blind, the sender must be a blind reader.

4. The matter must be wrapped so that it may be easily examined.

5. No package is to weigh more than four pounds, except in case of a single volume, and it must not exceed ten pounds in weight.

6. On the upper left hand corner of the envelope or wrapper containing the matter the name and address of the sender must appear, and on the upper right hand corner the word "Free" over the words "Reading Matter for the Blind."

NOTE.—Letters written in point print or raised characters used by the blind are not included in the reading matter entitled, under the provisions of this section, to free transmission in the mails. (See section 475.)

H. C. PAYNE, Postmaster General.

Friends of the blind are asked to send to the Secretary of the Society the names and addresses of any blind persons of whom they know, and they will be promptly visited by one of the teachers.



THE EXHIBIT OF  
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